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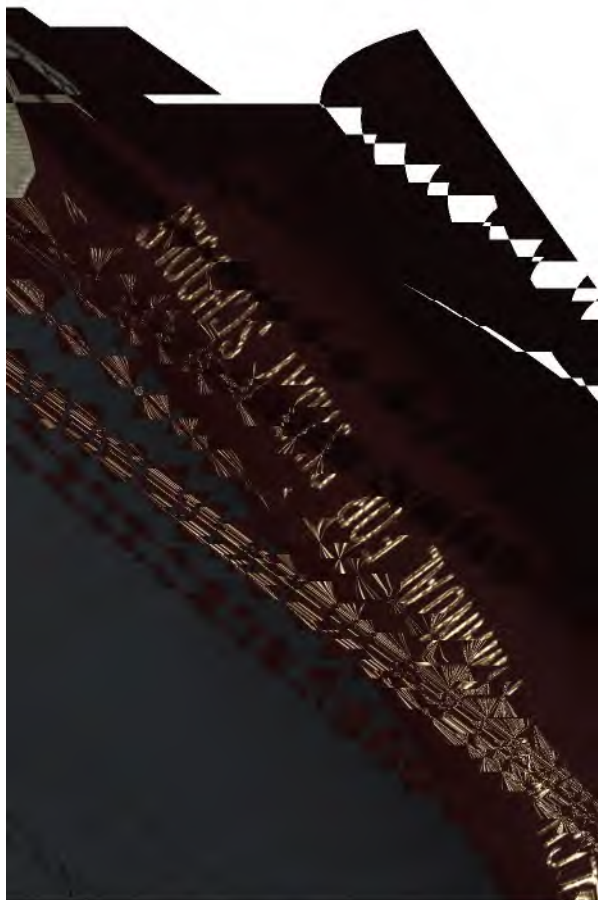
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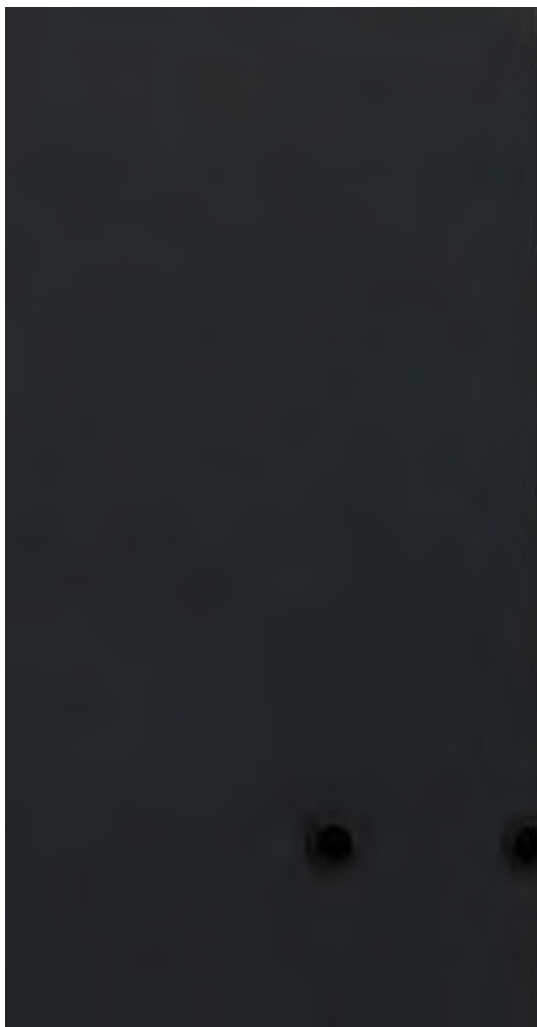
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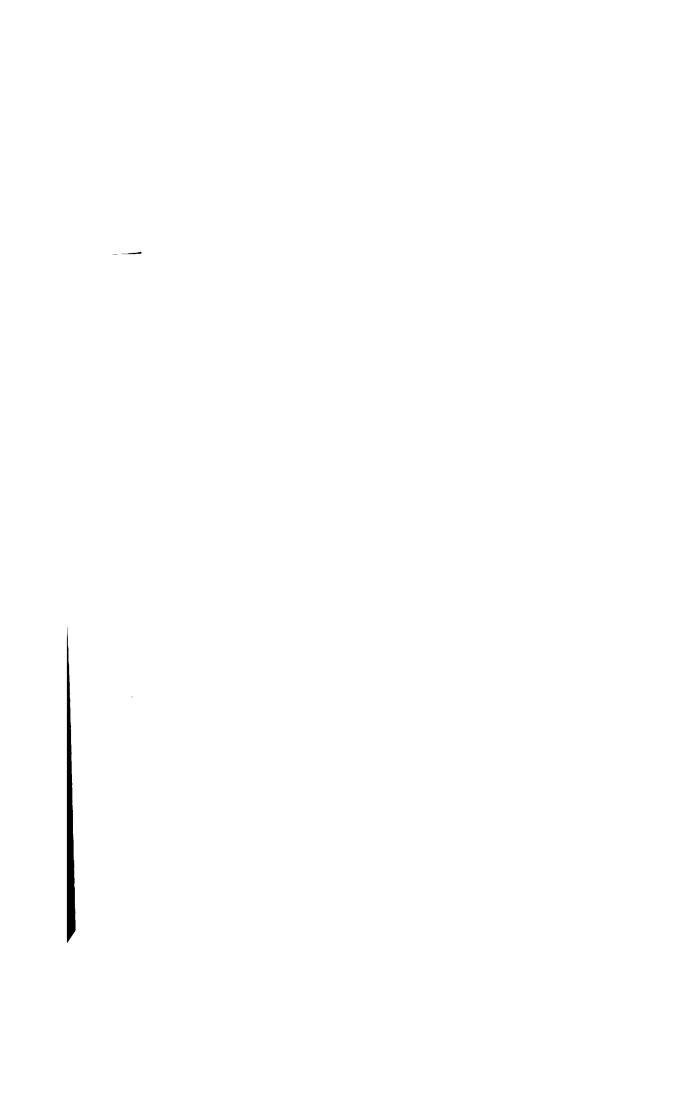












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TO WHICH IS ADDED  
A COLLECTION OF HYMNS.

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When I was a child, I spake as a child.—PAUL.

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## PREFACE TO THE FIRST EDITION.

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IN offering this Manual to the public, the author would observe, that he has labored with all fidelity to supply a want which has long been felt in the management of Sunday Schools. He hopes he has not labored in vain ; but that many young persons will be incited to cultivate the spirit of true devotion while their minds are susceptible to the tenderest impressions.

From an experience of several years in the superintendence of a Sunday School, the author is satisfied that the arrangement here adopted is the best which has been devised to elicit the attention and interest the feelings of both teachers and scholars. Whoever sees it in operation will approve it.

To such as may adopt this Manual, it may be proper to give a word of advice in reference to the manner of using it. When the school is assembled, the Superintendent directs the scholars to take the Manual and give attention to the Services. He then reads, in a distinct voice, and the teachers and children follow after, as directed in the Services. When the Superintendent says "Let us pray," the scholars rise or kneel, fix their eyes upon their books, which are open before them, and remain silent or repeat after the Superintendent, as he

directs. All repeat the Lord's Prayer after him, sentence by sentence. The school being seated, the Scripture Lesson is read, either by the Superintendent or some one whom he may appoint, and the hymn sung ; after which the regular lessons are recited. At the close of the school, one or two hymns are sung from the collection in the last part of the Manual.

When it is preferred, extemporaneous prayers may be substituted for those here given. The hymns may also be varied at the pleasure of the Superintendent. Those in the Services are in Long, Common and Short Metres, but in the collection there is an ample variety to suit all the tunes in use.

Asking an indulgence equal to the mistakes consequent upon a first edition, published at a distance from the author, he commits his little work to the hands of the public, desiring for it the favorable co-operation of the teachers and friends of Sunday Schools.

Providence, 1839..

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## PREFACE TO THE SECOND EDITION.

IN consideration of the very flattering success which has attended the use of this Manual, and the very general approbation with which it has been received, the Publisher has been induced to stereotype it, by which he is enabled to offer it at a reduced price. No alteration has been deemed necessary, except the correction of a few typographical errors which occurred in the first edition.

*Boston, March, 1840.*



# MANUAL.

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## SERVICE I.

*Superintendent.* O come, let us worship, and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

*Teachers and Children.* For he is our God; and we are his people.

S. O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

T. Fear before him, all the earth.

C. For the Lord is great, and greatly to be praised.

S. Give unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the people, give unto the Lord glory and strength.

T. Honor and majesty are before him.

C. Strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

S. Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise.

C. I will praise thee, O Lord, among the people.

T. I will praise thee among the nations.

S. Both young men and maidens, old men and children:

**T.** Let them praise the name of the Lord.

**All.** For his name alone is excellent in all the earth.

### PRAYER.

*Superintendent.* Let us pray.

[The children, rising or kneeling, fix their eyes upon their books, and remain silent or repeat as the Superintendent directs.]

Our Father who art in heaven ; we are assembled before thee, at this time, to commence this Sunday School. We pray for thy blessing to be with us through all the exercises to which we may attend. May our meeting be sanctified to the good of each one present. May we all be instructed in thy truth ; thy word is truth ; and by it may we be made wise unto salvation.

Inspire our hearts, O God, with thy love, that we may serve thee acceptably. In the simplicity of our minds, and with godly sincerity, may we offer to thee our prayers and songs of praise.

Bless, O Lord, to our lasting good this Sabbath School. May both teachers and pupils see and enjoy thy wisdom and grace, and be so instructed, that they may know the truth as it is in Jesus, and rejoice and be exceeding glad all their days.

Bless, holy Father, our relations and friends, and all mankind, as thou seest they have need ; and save us in thy heavenly kingdom, through *our Lord Jesus Christ.* Amen.

[Then say, the school repeating,]

Our Father who art in heaven ; hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON    *Christ blesses Little Children.*

Jesus said unto his disciples, "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not ; for of such is the kingdom of God." And he took them up in his arms, put his hands on them, and blessed them.

Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, and said, "Verily I say unto you, except ye be converted and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.

"Whosoever, therefore, shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoso receiveth one such little child in my name, receiveth me."

1.

A MORNING HYMN.

C. M.

1 God of the morning, thee we praise,  
For thy protecting care ;  
To thee our little voices raise,  
In humble praise and prayer.

2 We thank thee, Lord, that thou has been  
Our guardian through the night,  
Preserved our lives from death and pain,  
To see the morning light.

3 This day may we obedient be  
To thy commandments given ;  
From ways of sin and error flee,  
And walk the road to heaven.

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## SERVICE II.

S. Bless the Lord, O my soul ; and all that  
is within me, bless his holy name.

C. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not  
all his benefits.

S. Who forgiveth all thine iniquities ; who  
healeth all thy diseases.

T. Who redeemeth my life from destruction ;  
who crowneth me with loving kindness and  
tender mercies.

S. He made known his ways unto Moses,  
his acts unto the children of Israel.

C. The Lord is merciful and gracious ; slow  
to anger, and plenteous in mercy.

S. Like as a father pitieth his children, so  
the Lord pitieth them that fear him.

C. For he knoweth our frame, he remember-  
eth that we are dust.

S. The mercy of the Lord is from everlast-  
ing to everlasting upon them that fear him ; and  
*his righteousness* unto children's children :

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**T.** To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them.

**All.** Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominion : bless the Lord, O my soul.

### PRAYER.

O thou most high God ; with feelings of filial reverence, we are come before thee, to supplicate thy favor, and offer to thee our ascriptions of thanksgiving and praise. Thou hast mercifully protected us during another week, and brought us together this day, to learn thy word, to sing thy praise, to meditate upon thy goodness, to acquaint ourselves with thy truth and our duty.

Grant us thy free Spirit, O Lord, that we may improve this opportunity to thine honor and our good. Bless the instructors and the instructed, parents and children, and all who take a part, or feel an interest in this school. And have mercy, O God, upon those children throughout the world who do not enjoy the privileges of Sabbath-school instruction ; nor the means of improving their minds by the true knowledge of thee and thy Son Jesus Christ, whom to know is life eternal.

Direct us in the way of duty this day, and through all coming time. Forgive whatever thou seest amiss in us, in thought, in word, or in deed : and finally save us with an everlasting *salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord.* Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON. *Instruction of Y<sup>oung</sup>st.*

My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother. If sinners entice thee to sin, consent thou not. If they say, "Come with us," walk not in the way with them; refrain thy feet from their path.

Forget not my law, but let thine heart keep my commandments: for length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add unto thee.

Walk in the way of good men, and keep the paths of the righteous: for the upright shall dwell in the land, and the perfect shall remain in it.

Let not mercy and truth forsake thee, write them upon the table of thine heart: so shalt thou find favor and good understanding in the sight of God and man.

## 2.

## WORSHIP OF GOD.

L. M.

- 1 Lord, how delightful 'tis to see  
A whole assembly worship thee!  
At once they sing, at once they pray,  
They hear of heaven and learn the way.
- 2 I have been there, I love to go,  
'Tis like a little heaven below:  
Not all my pleasure and my play  
Shall tempt me to forget this day.
- 3 O write upon my memory, Lord,  
The truth and doctrine of thy word;  
That I may break thy laws no more,  
But love thee better than before.

## SERVICE III.

S. Give ear, O my people, to my law : incline your ears to the words of my mouth ; I will utter the sayings of old.

C. Which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us.

S. I will speak of the testimonies of God, and will not be ashamed.

T. We will not hide them from their children, showing to the generation to come the praises of the Lord, and his strength, and his wonderful works, that he hath done.

C. So we thy people will give thee thanks : we will show thy praise to all generations.

S. For he established a testimony in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers that they should make known to their children.

T. That the generations to come might know them, even the children that should be born.

C. That we might set our hope in God, and forget not the works of God, but keep his commandments.

All. Thou art near, O Lord ; and all thy commandments are truth.

## PRAYER.

Almighty and most merciful God ; we approach thee in the attitude of prayer, and offer

unto thee our sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving. We sincerely thank thee for thy past favors so bountifully bestowed upon us in the gift and preservation of our lives, and in the temporal blessings needful for our comfort. We thank thee for the gift of friends, and for all their kindnesses towards us. And we devoutly pray, holy Father, that we may wisely improve all these mercies to thy glory and our good.

We humbly beseech thee, O God, to bless this school, and make it the means of much good. Enable each one, whether teacher or pupil, so to conduct, that all may profit by this opportunity to learn thy word; that as we grow in years, we may grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior.

Fit us, O Lord, for all the duties of life; for the hour of death; and for a happy immortality: which we ask in the Redeemer's name. Amen.

#### SCRIPTURE LESSON. *Fear of the Lord.*

Come, ye children, hearken unto me, and I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding. The fear of the Lord is to hate evil, pride, arrogance, and the evil way. In the fear of the Lord there is strong confidence, and his children shall have a place of refuge. The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death.

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By mercy and truth iniquity is purged, and by the fear of the Lord, men depart from evil. By humility and the fear of the Lord are riches, and honor, and life. He that hath it shall abide satisfied; he shall not be visited with evil.

Fear God, and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man.

Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

### 3. GRATITUDE AND PRAYER. C. M.

- 1 Almighty Father, heavenly King!  
Who rul'st the world above;  
Accept the tribute children bring,  
Of gratitude and love.
- 2 To thee, each morning when we rise,  
Our early vows we'll pay;  
And ere the night has closed our eyes,  
We'll thank thee for the day.
- 3 Our Savior, ever good and kind,  
To us his word has given;  
That children, such as we, may find  
A certain path to heaven.

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### SERVICE IV.

S. Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the Lord.

C. O that my ways were directed to keep thy statutes.

S. Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart.

C. Then shall I not be ashamed, when I have respect unto thy commandments.

T. Thou hast commanded us to keep thy precepts diligently.

C. Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way ?

T. By taking heed thereto according to thy word.

C. With my whole heart have I sought thee : O let me not wander from thy commandments.

All. Blessed art thou, O Lord ; teach us thy statutes.

### PRAYER.

Thou art worthy, holy Father, to receive the gratitude and praise of all thy creatures ; for thou art good unto all ; and thy tender mercies are over all thy works. We, thy rational offspring, desire to acknowledge, at this time, that thou art our Father, the Giver of our mercies, in whom we live, and move, and have our being. Thine all-seeing eye is always upon us, to behold all our thoughts and actions. O then grant, kind God, so to instruct us that we may walk uprightly, that we may indulge no base passions, no wicked desires, in our minds ; and do *no evil* in our conduct ; but may we always obey

thy precepts by leading quiet and peaceable lives in all godliness and honesty.

To this end, O God, wilt thou bless this school, its instructors, its pupils, and its patrons, and make it the means of great good to all connected therewith. Command thy blessing upon all Sabbath schools, and make them useful in dispensing to young minds the knowledge of thy true character and the great doctrine of salvation. Bless all who attend them. May they wisely improve such opportunities to advance in truth, virtue, and goodness. Remember, in great mercy, those children who are deprived of such blessings, on whose minds the light of revelation has never shone. Extend to them the knowledge of thy truth, and a Savior's love. Finally, O Lord, make all mankind see what is the fellowship of thy Spirit, that they may rejoice in thy presence forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON. *Love of God.*

He that loveth not, knoweth not God, for God is love. Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first and great commandment.

• This is the love of God, that we keep his commandments; and they are not grievous. Whoso hath this world's goods and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love

of God in him? If a man say, "I love God," and hateth his brother, he is a liar; for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? And this commandment have we from him, that he that loveth God should love his brother also. If any man love God, the same is known of him. We love him because he first loved us.

## 4.

## SABBATH MORNING.

L. M.

1 Father in heaven, thy ceaseless love  
Has brought us to this holy day;  
Blest with thy kindness from above,  
Another week has passed away.

2 Grant us, O Lord, a grateful heart  
To feel thy goodness and obey:  
Ne'er may we from thy love depart,  
Ne'er may we leave thy heavenly way!

3 Grant us this day a willing mind  
To learn what thou wouldst have us do,  
And how we may thy favor find,  
And honor and obey thee too.

4 Thy happy children may we live,  
Thy happy children may we die;  
To all may God our Father give  
A home of bliss beyond the sky.

## SERVICE V.

S. The works of the Lord are great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.

T. Praise ye the Lord.

C. I will praise the Lord with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and in the congregation.

S. His work is honorable and glorious : and his righteousness endureth forever.

T. He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered : the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

S. He sent redemption unto his people : he hath commanded his covenant forever.

T. Holy and reverend is his name.

C. I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.

T. Gracious is the Lord and righteous ; yea, our God is merciful.

C. Because he has inclined his ear unto me ; therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.

## PRAYER.

O thou, who dwellest in the high and holy place, and also with those who are of humble and contrite hearts ; bestow thy blessing upon us, at this time ; and prepare us to worship thee in sincerity and truth ; that, with filial fear, we may seek thy wisdom and thy grace. Sincerely

do we thank thee for thy goodness of which we have received every day of our existence, and upon which we must depend for every future blessing. Vouchsafe unto us the spirit of humility, of prayer, of trust, and of hope; that, with simplicity and godly sincerity, we may serve thee all the days of our lives.

Graciously pardon all our sins, O God, by turning us from every evil thought and action; and lead us in the way thou wouldest have us go. Protect us when in danger, and qualify us to resist temptation. O keep us from following the counsel of the vicious, and make us walk in the way of the just, which shineth brighter and brighter unto the perfect day. Then shall our days on the earth be peaceful and joyous, and the evening of life tranquil and happy.

Bless, holy Father, to our good, the instructions of thy word. May we grow wiser, better, and happier every day we live; and at last, meet with all the ransomed of the Lord, to praise thee, through Christ our Redeemer, in a world without end. Amen.

#### SCRIPTURE LESSON. *Brotherly Love.*

Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God, and every one that loveth is born of God and knoweth God. We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth his brother abideth in

the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him.

My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue, but in deed and in truth. This is his commandment, that we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another. Owe no man anything, but to love one another; for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law. Let brotherly love continue.

5.

DESIRE OF TRUTH.

L. M.

1 Almighty Father, God of Love,  
To thee I fain would raise my prayer;  
May I to thee obedient prove,  
And be the object of thy care.

2 Assist me, Lord, to know thy will,  
To read it on thy holy page;  
All thy commands may I fulfil,  
From tender youth to ripened age.

3 In revelation may I find  
The truths which sanctify the heart,  
Which elevate the human mind,  
And heavenly peace and joy impart.

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SERVICE VI.

S. Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsels of the ungodly, nor standeth in the

way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

C. Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am weak; O save me for thy mercies' sake.

S. But know that the Lord hath set apart him that is godly, for himself; the Lord will hear when we call unto him.

T. Stand in awe, and sin not; commune with your own heart, and be still.

C. I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou, Lord, only makest me dwell in safety.

S. There be many that say, Who will show us any good?

All. Lord, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us.

T. Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

C. We will put our trust in the living God.

### PRAYER.

We rejoice before thee, Father in heaven, for the expressions of thy kindness towards us. We thank thee for friends and friendship, for food and raiment, for health and comfort, and the unnumbered blessings of life. More especially do we praise thee for the gift of thy Son, whom thou didst sanctify and send into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved. We rejoice that we can read, in thy word, the truths he declared,



the acts of mercy he performed, the precepts he taught, and the promises he made, which are able to make us wise unto salvation. We thank thee, indulgent Father, that, in his condescension, he was not unmindful of little children; but took them in his arms and blessed them. O God, may thy blessing rest on us now assembled before thee in the name of thy holy child Jesus. May we learn of him who was meek and lowly, and find rest to our souls. May we be dutiful to our parents, kind to our friends, respectful to superiors, obedient to our teachers, forbearing to our enemies, faithful to our companions, and worthy the richest favors thou wilt bestow on us. May we ever dwell in peace and love.

Keep us, O God, from vice and every evil work; and lead us in the way we should go. Forgive us our sins, and finally save us with an everlasting salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON. *Obedience to Parents.*

Children, obey your parents in the Lord; for this is right. Honor thy father and mother, that it may be well with thee, and that thou mayest live long on the earth. Obey your parents in all things; for this is well-pleasing unto the Lord.

A wise son maketh a glad father, but a foolish son is the heaviness of his mother. A wise son

heareth his father's instructions. Hearken unto thy father, and despise not thy mother when he is old. Hear counsel, and receive instruction, that thou mayest be wise. Cease to hear the instruction that causeth thee to err. Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure, or whether it be right.

### DESIRE OF GOD'S FAVOR.

L. M.

- 1 In days of childhood may I think  
On thy bright glories, O my God,  
On all the tokens of thy love  
And mercy thou dost spread abroad.
- 2 O teach my pliant heart to feel  
Renewing grace and saving love,  
That I may fix my hopes in thee,  
And wait for perfect joys above :
- 3 That as I travel through this world  
Of sin, of sorrow, guilt, and woe,  
I may withstand its many snares,  
And towards thy blissful mansions go.

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### SERVICE VII.

S. Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile.

C. My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord ; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up.

S. For he is not a God that hath pleasure in wickedness, neither shall evil dwell with him.

**C.** Lead me, O Lord, in thy righteousness : make thy way straight before my face.

**S.** Let all them that put their trust in thee rejoice : let them ever shout for joy.

**T.** Let them also that trust in thy name be joyful in thee.

**S.** For the Lord will bless the righteous : with favor will he compass them as with a shield.

**T.** I will praise the Lord according to his righteousness.

**C.** And I will praise the name of the Lord Most High.

#### PRAYER.

O thou, who art the source of life and love ; we, thy dependent children, feel under renewed obligations, at this time, to reverence and adore thee as the greatest and best of all beings. We feel sensible that it is by thy fatherly love, that we are permitted to meet before thee for the live-giving purpose of gaining a more perfect knowledge of thy word, which is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.

And now, O Father in heaven, hearken unto the voice of our supplication, and grant us the sincere desires of our youthful hearts. Bless those who are here to teach, with a correct understanding of thy word. May they possess that wisdom that cometh from thee, which is pure, peaceable, gentle, easy to be entreated.

full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. And bless those who are here to learn, with a teachable disposition. Enable them to lay aside all filthiness, and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word which is able to save their souls.

Holy Father, we devoutly entreat thee to extend the same blessings we ask for ourselves unto all the children of want throughout the world. May they all know thee and Jesus Christ the righteous, whom to know is life eternal.

Cleanse us, O God, from every sin, from every impure desire; purify our affections, and sanctify our hearts, that we may love thee more and serve thee better. Fit us for the vicissitudes of future life, and finally receive us to thyself, to praise thee in everlasting songs, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### SCRIPTURE LESSON. *Unity.*

Be kindly affectioned one toward another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another. Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live in peace with all men.

Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in

the same mind, and in the same judgment. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of peace and love shall be with you. Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.

7. THE PRAISE OF GOD. S. M.

1 O bless the Lord, my soul !  
Let all within me join,  
And aid my tongue to bless his name,  
Whose favors are divine.

2 O bless the Lord, my soul !  
Nor let his mercies lie  
Forgotten in unthankfulness,  
And without praises die.

3 'Tis he forgives thy sins,  
'Tis he relieves thy pains,  
'Tis he that heals thy sicknesses,  
And makes thee young again.

4 He crowns thy life with love,  
When ransomed from the grave;  
He who redeemed my soul from sin  
Has sovereign power to save.

SERVICE VIII.

S. O let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end, but establish the just: for the righteous God trieth the hearts and the reins.

C. O Lord our God, how excellent is thy name in all the earth ! who hast set thy glory above the heavens.

T. Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength.

S. When I consider the heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained :

C. What is man that thou art mindful of him, or the son of man, that thou visiteth him.

S. For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honor.

T. Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands : thou hast put all things under his feet.

ALL. O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth.

### PRAYER.

Ever adorable God our Savior ; while all things around us speak thy wisdom, power, and goodness, we, thy rational creatures, would reverently bow before thee, and yield up the grateful tribute of our hearts. Every day brings fresh evidence of thy kindness to us. Thou lengthenest out our days, and givest us the necessary blessings of life. May we regard every good and perfect gift as coming from the Father of lights, in whom is not the shadow of *a turning*.

We thank thee, kind God, for the repeated opportunities of mental, moral, and religious improvement. May thy word be our light, and thy precepts be deeply engraved on our hearts, and exert a saving influence in our conduct.

Smile propitiously on this Sabbath school, its teachers, scholars, and patrons. May our attention never be diverted from the important duties before us, by frivolous and sinful things; but may we intently contemplate thy truth, and rejoice in thy salvation. And may the instruction here afforded be treasured in the hearts of these children, and be the means of great good to them, in time to come.

Forgive us, O God, whatever thou seest amiss; acquaint us with the truth as it is in Jesus; and prepare us to enter thy heavenly kingdom, and enjoy thee forever. Amen.

#### SCRIPTURE LESSON. *Charity.*

Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned. Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, and a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.

*Charity suffereth long and is kind; charity*

envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly; seeketh not its own, is not easily provoked; thinketh no evil, rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Charity never faileth. And now abideth faith, hope, charity; but the greatest of these is charity.

## 8. MY FEET SHALL VISIT THINE ABODE. L. M.

- 1 When in the Sabbath School we meet  
To worship towards God's holy throne,  
O may we come with willing feet,  
And praise thy name, thou Great Unknown.
- 2 And when we bend the lowly knee,  
Or join in praise the tuneful choir,  
Or raise our humble prayers to thee,  
Do thou, O God, our thoughts inspire.
- 3 Wilt thou impart thy sacred love,  
To warm our hearts, to guide our prayer,  
And fit our souls for heaven above,  
That we may serve thee better there.

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## SERVICE IX.

S. The Lord hath prepared his throne of judgment; he shall judge the world in righteousness.

C. I will praise thee, O Lord, with my whole heart; I will show forth thy marvellous works.



**T.** The Lord will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble.

**S.** And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee; for thou hast not forsaken them that seek thee.

**T.** Sing praises to the Lord, which dwelleth in Zion; declare among the people his doings.

**C.** I will be glad and rejoice in thee; I will sing praise to thy name, O thou Most High.

**S.** The Lord is known by the judgments which he executeth: the wicked is snared in the work of his own hands.

**C.** In God have I put my trust; I will not be afraid of what man can do unto me.

### PRAYER.

Our Father who art in heaven; we are again before thee, as thy devout worshippers, the objects of thy peculiar favor, whom thou hast called to walk in the light of thy truth and in the way of salvation. Prepare our hearts to engage in thy service with that ardor which should ever dwell in the bosoms of Christians. We realize that the preparation of the heart and the answer of the tongue is from thee. Wilt thou inspire us with the quickening energies of thy Holy Spirit, that we may be thoroughly furnished unto every good word and work; and present before thee, at this time, an offering acceptable in thy sight, O God, our strength and our Redeemer.

In thy name is all our trust ; for, by the operation of pure and perfect laws, thou governest universal nature. Thou ridest on the whirlwind and the storm, and the clouds are the dust of thy feet. Thy beauties are seen in the mild radiance of the morning, and in the sweet smiles of the evening. Man and beast are sustained by thee. Thou causest the grass to grow, and the flowers to put forth their blossoms. The earth brings forth its increase at thy bidding ; and the fishes are sustained in the waters. The birds that fly in the air partake of thy favors and sing thy praise. All creation is full of thy goodness. O may our hearts be warm with thy love, and thy praises ever dwell upon our tongues.

We view, with rapture and delight, the highest display of thine ineffable goodness in the gift of thy Son, to be the Savior of the world. He is our Savior, O God, and we rejoice with joy unspeakable, that thou hast so loved us as to give him to save us from our sins. O may we love him with a pure heart fervently, and strive to obey all his precepts, and imitate his virtues. May we look unto him as the author and finisher of our faith. May we follow in his footsteps, and, through him, hope in thine everlasting favor.

Bless us, merciful Father, this day, and through all coming time. Forgive us our sins, and save us wholly in thine eternal kingdom Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON. *The way of the Virtuous.*

Wisdom's ways are ways of pleasantness and all her paths are peace. Great peace have they that love thy law, and nothing shall offend them. All thy children shall be taught of God, and great shall be the peace of thy children. In righteousness shalt thou be established; thou shalt be far from oppression, for thou shalt not fear; and from terror, for it shall not come nigh thee.

The work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance forever. And my people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in sure resting-places. Whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the word, this man shall be blessed in his deed. He that keepeth the law, happy is he. God will render to every man according to his deeds; to them who, by patient continuance in well doing, seek for glory, honor, and immortality, eternal life;—glory, honor, and peace to every man that worketh good. If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.

## 9. PRAISE FOR THE SABBATH SCHOOL. L. M.

1 Let us unite to bless the Lord,  
That we are taught to read his word—  
To walk in wisdom's pleasant ways,  
To seek his grace, and sing his praise.

2 While many boys and girls we meet,  
Breaking the Sabbath in the street,  
Misspending all this welcome day  
In foolish talk and wicked play ;

3 We to thy sacred house of prayer,  
With gratitude, would oft repair,  
T'adore thy name, to seek thy face,  
And hear the message of thy grace.

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## SERVICE X.

S. The Lord is my rock, and my fortress,  
and my deliverer, in whom I will trust.

C. I will love thee, O Lord, my strength.

S. As for God, his way is perfect : the word  
of the Lord is tried : he is a buckler to all them  
that trust in him.

T. For who is God, save the Lord ? or who  
is a rock, save our God ?

C. Be thou exalted, Lord, in thine own  
strength : so will we sing and praise thy power.

S. Thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the  
praises of Israel.

T. Our fathers trusted in thee ; they trusted,  
and thou didst deliver them.

C. I will declare thy name unto my brethren ;  
in the midst of the congregation will I praise  
thee.

S. All the ends of the earth shall remember  
and turn to the Lord ; and all the kindreds of  
*the nations shall worship before thee.*

*All.* For the Kingdom is the Lord's; and he is the governor among the nations.

PRAYER.

God of the morning and of the evening; permit us to present ourselves before thee as humble worshippers, grateful for past mercies, and desirous of future good. Thou hast dealt very bountifully with us. Our lives and health have been precious in thy sight. May we so improve these blessings, that when we shall leave this world, we may have the satisfaction of knowing that we have not lived in vain.

Deeply, O God, impress upon our minds an abiding sense of our accountability to thee, for the right improvement of all thy favors: Help us to know our duty, and kindly dispose us to discharge it; that from childhood to old age, we may escape the condemnation of guilt, and the miseries of transgression.

To this end, gracious Father, enable us to obtain a correct knowledge of thy word and will, and of our duty and destiny. May the instruction of this school be blessed to the good of all interested. So dispose all our minds that the truth may be deeply impressed upon them; and let all the holy affections of the gospel have a residence there. Cleanse thou us from every evil desire; make us rejoice in the hopes and joys of true religion; that, having ended our *journey on earth*, we may be accepted in heaven

above, to praise thee forever, through thy Son our Savior. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON. *The way of Sinners.*

The way of transgressors is hard. There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked. They are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt. Every one that is proud is an abomination unto the Lord; though hand join in hand, the wicked shall not be unpunished. Though the sinner do evil an hundred times, and his days be prolonged, yet surely I know that it shall be well with them that fear God. But it shall not be well with the wicked, neither shall he prolong his days, which are as a shadow, because he feareth not before God.

God will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and he will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible. God will render to every man according to his deeds: unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath; tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil. He that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong he hath done.

10.

THANKS FOR THE BIBLE.

S. M.

1 The praises of my tongue  
I offer to thee, Lord,

That I was taught and learned so young  
To read thy holy word.

2 O may thy Spirit teach,  
And make our hearts receive  
Those truths which all thy servants press,  
And all thy saints believe.

3 Then shall I praise the Lord  
In a more cheerful strain,  
That I was taught to read his word,  
And have not learned in vain.

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## SERVICE XI.

S. The heavens declare the glory of God, and  
the firmament showeth his handy work.

T. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night  
unto night showeth knowledge.

C. There is no speech nor language where  
their voice is not heard.

S. The law of the Lord is perfect, converting  
the soul.

T. The testimony of the Lord is sure, making  
wise the simple.

C. The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoic-  
ing the heart.

S. The commandment of the Lord is pure,  
enlightening the eyes.

T. The judgments of the Lord are true and  
righteous altogether.

C. The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring  
forever.

S. More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold ; sweeter also than honey or the honey-comb.

C. In keeping them there is great reward.

S. Who can understand his errors ?

C. Cleanse thou me from secret faults.

T. Then shall we be upright, and we shall be innocent from the great transgression.

*All.* Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my Redeemer.

#### PRAYER.

O Lord, our heavenly Father ; in the hallowed name of thy Son, our Savior, we present our supplications unto thee. We most humbly beseech thee to forgive our sins, by directing us in the way of holiness. May we recognise thy goodness in all the events of thy providence through which we are called to pass ; and as we grow in years, may we increase in knowledge and virtue, resisting temptation, and overcoming evil.

We devoutly thank thee for the wise and liberal institutions under which we live ; that we have, in childhood, the means of acquiring such knowledge as shall qualify us for the duties which shall devolve upon us through life, and render us respectable and useful in our day and generation. But we thank thee more devoutly *for the instructions* of the gospel, wherein is



unfolded to us a system of grace and salvation, for a lost and sinful world. Help us, O God, to understand the gospel of thy grace, that we may obey its precepts, rejoice in its promises, and receive the blessings of life and immortality.

Awaken us all to a sense of our duties, and dispose us to do them. May we be improved by the instructions of this school, and by all the means of thy grace, and be prepared for future usefulness in earth, for triumph in death, and for a blessed immortality at thy right hand.

Command thy blessing upon this school; upon our relations and friends; upon our enemies, if we have any; and upon all mankind. May thy truth be known in all the earth, and thy saving health among all nations.

Hear us, O God, in heaven thy dwelling-place, and when thou hearest, forgive. And unto thee shall be all the praise, now and forever. Amen.

#### SCRIPTURE LESSON. *Ten Commandments.*

1. Thou shalt have no other gods before me.
2. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above or earth beneath, or that is in the waters under the earth: thou shalt not bow down thyself to them nor serve them.
3. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain.
4. Remember the Sabbath day to keep

it holy. 5. Honor thy father and thy mother. 6. Thou shalt not kill. 7. Thou shalt not commit adultery. 8. Thou shalt not steal. 9. Thou shalt not bear false witness. 10. Thou shalt not covet.

11.

COMING TO GOD.

L. M.

- 1 Almighty God, to thee on high  
With reverence would my spirit bow :  
How frail a creature, Lord, am I,  
Eternal One, how great art thou !
- 2 Thy boundless love invites us near,  
And bids us look to heaven our home ;  
As children, then, we will not fear ;  
With our meek offerings, Lord, we come.
- 3 In heaven, O God, thou hearest us :  
On thee we ever may depend,  
And raise our humble voices thus,  
As to a father and a friend.

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## SERVICE XII.

S. The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof, the world and they that dwell therein.

C. Unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul :  
in thee do I put my trust.

S. Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord ; and who shall stand in his holy place ?

T. He that hath clean hands and a pure heart ; who hath not lifted up his soul unto *vanity*, nor sworn deceitfully.

**S.** He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

**C.** Show me thy ways, O Lord ; teach me thy paths.

**S.** This is a generation of them that seek him, that seek thy face, O God of Jacob.

**C.** Lead me in thy truth, and teach me ; for thou art the God of my salvation : and for thee do I wait all the day.

**S.** What man is he that feareth the Lord ?

**T.** His soul shall dwell at ease, and his seed shall inhabit the earth.

**C.** According to thy mercy remember thou me, for thy goodness' sake, O Lord.

#### PRAYER.

Almighty and most merciful God ; thy glory is seen in the heavens above and thy goodness in the earth beneath. Day and night testify of thy love and guardian care. Thou art everywhere present to behold the thoughts and actions of the sons of men. The very hairs of our heads are numbered, and a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without thy notice. O then, may we feel our constant dependence upon thee, and always walk in thy fear. Keep us from all deception and hypocrisy, give us pure and honest intentions in all that we think, or say, or do.

Acquaint us with thy holy laws, and with thy truth : thy word is truth. May we enjoy the

moral freedom which it gives. Prosper every laudable undertaking, O Lord, and preserve us from the hard way of transgressors. Fit us for the days of youth. May we avoid the snares of evil, and be preserved from the vices to which we may be exposed. May we be fitted for the active duties of life, that we may fill the stations which we shall be called to occupy, with honor to ourselves and usefulness to others. And when our race on earth is terminated, may we all meet to praise thee in the kingdom of the redeemed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON. *Humility.*

The fear of the Lord is the instruction of wisdom; and before honor is humility. By humility and the fear of the Lord are riches, and honor, and life.

Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder: yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud and giveth grace to the humble. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: casting all your care upon him, for he careth for you.

Pride goeth before destruction and a haughty spirit before a fall. Better is it to be of a humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud. A man's pride shall bring him low; but honor shall uphold the humble in spirit.

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## YOUTH DEVOTED TO GOD.

C. M.

- 1 How should my soul ascend in prayer  
Unto the God of Heaven,  
And bless and praise his holy name  
For all his mercies given.
  - 2 Although I'm young, my ardent wish  
Shall be to serve my God :  
I'll love him well, obey his laws,  
And strive to learn his word.
  - 3 O may my weak yet pliant mind  
Be taught to know his truth ;  
And in his service may I spend  
The pleasant days of youth.
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## SERVICE XIII.

S. One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after ; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord, to behold his beauty, and to inquire in his temple.

T. I will offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy ; I will sing ; yea, I will sing praises unto the Lord.

C. Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my voice : have mercy upon me and answer me.

S. The Lord is my light and my salvation ; whom shall I fear ?

T. The Lord is the strength of my life ; of whom shall I be afraid ?

S. When thou saidst unto me, Seek ye my face ;

C. My heart said, Thy face, Lord, will I seek.

T. I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

C. Teach me thy way, O Lord, and lead me in a plain path.

S. Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thy heart: wait, I say, on the Lord.

T. & C. The Lord is my strength and my shield: my heart trusteth in him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth: and with my song I will praise him.

### PRAYER.

Most holy and gracious God; by thy power were the worlds created, and all things therein. For thyself hast thou made them, and not for another. Thou hast wisely fitted everything for the place which it occupies, so as to produce order, harmony, and joy. By just and perfect laws thou governest universal nature. But man thou hast created in thine own moral image, possessed of an intellectual, moral, and social nature, by which he is exalted above the rest of thy works, fitted for the society of angels, and destined, in the economy of thy grace, to enjoy and praise thee in a pure and spiritual world, and in a life without end.

We thank thee, holy Father, that while thou art mindful to supply the wants of all thy crea-

tures ; to govern the universe with perfect regularity ; thou art peculiarly favorable to thine intelligent offspring, to bestow upon them both temporal and spiritual favors. Make us to know, and dispose us to discharge most faithfully, the duties of our high vocation. May we use the things of this world as not abusing them ; but improve them to thine honor and our good. Make us humble and obedient ; ever studious to know thy truth, and our duty and destiny. Save us from our sins, and accept us, through the Redeemer's name. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON. *Truth and Falsehood.*

He that telleth lies shall not tarry in my sight. The mouth of them that tell lies shall be stopped. Let the wicked be ashamed, and let the lying lip be put to silence. I hate and abhor lying, but thy laws do I love. He that hideth hatred with lying lips, and he that uttereth slander, is a fool.

But now, ye also put off all these, anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. Lie not one to another. If ye have bitter envyings and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. Wherefore, putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbor. Ye shall not steal, neither deal falsely, neither lie one to another.

13.

GOD HEARS US.

L. M.

- 1 God is so good that he will hear  
Whenever children humbly pray :  
He always lends a gracious ear  
To what the youngest child can say.
  - 2 His own most holy book declares,  
That, as a tender father will,  
He listens to our lowly prayers,  
And what we ask will grant us still.
  - 3 He loves to hear a grateful tongue  
Thank him for all his mercies given ;  
And when on earth his praise is sung,  
The cheerful notes are heard in heaven.
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## SERVICE XIV.

S. Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name !

T. Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

C. 'O Lord, thou hast brought up my soul from the grave : thou hast kept me alive.

S. Sing unto the Lord, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

T. For his anger endureth but for a moment ; in his favor is life.

S. Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

C. Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me, Lord, be thou my helper.



**S.** Let all the earth fear the Lord : let all the inhabitants stand in awe of him.

**T.** Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, and the people he hath chosen for his inheritance.

**C.** Our soul waiteth for the Lord ; he is our help and our shield.

**All.** . Let thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, according as we hope in thee.

#### PRAYER.

O thou holy and ever indulgent Being ; we adore thee as the Creator of all beings, and thank thee for thy kindness shown us under all circumstances. Unto thee may we come, at all times, with the fullest assurance of thy fatherly favor, that thou wilt accept our offerings, and assist us in our devotions. Youth and childhood are peculiarly dear unto thee ; and the heart unstained by guilt thou wilt always bless. Help us, then, O our God, so to direct our steps that we may be preserved from all sin ; that we may follow in the pathway of the just, which shineth brighter and brighter unto the perfect day. May we have a strong and growing faith in thy Son our Savior. Through him may we hope in thy great salvation, the final deliverance of mankind from all sin and misery, death and suffering ; and their introduction into the pure, and perfect, and never-ending felicities of heaven ; where our ransomed race, obedient unto thee, and

washed from all sin, shall unite with angels, to praise thee, thou King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, forever and ever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON. *Contentment preferable to Riches.*

Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have; for God hath said, "I will never leave nor forsake thee;" so that we may boldly say, "the Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man can do unto me." I have learned in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content. Godliness with contentment is great gain.

Better is a little with the fear of the Lord, than great treasure, and trouble therewith. Better is a dinner of herbs where love is, than a stalled ox and hatred therewith. Better is a little with righteousness, than great revenues without right. Better is a dry morsel, and quietness therewith, than a house full of sacrifices with strife. Better is the poor that walketh in his integrity, than he that is of perverse lips. A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving kindness than silver or gold. A little that a righteous man hath, is better than the riches of many wicked. The rich and the poor meet together, the Lord is the maker of them all.

## 14. BE THOU OUR GUIDE.

C. M

- 1 To thee, all-gracious God, we bow,  
And feel thy sacred power,  
Which from our infancy till now  
Has brightened every hour.
- 2 Still guard our youthful hearts from pride  
Vainglory, and deceit,  
Assured that thou wilt best provide  
Such comforts as are meet.
- 3 O teach us all thy saving health,  
And with thy bounty fed,  
Give us not poverty, nor wealth,  
To lift ambition's head.
- 4 Preserve us in temptation's hour,  
From evil set us free,  
For thine the kingdom, glory, power,  
Through all eternity.

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 SERVICE XV.

S. Thy mercy, O Lord, is in the heavens  
and thy faithfulness reaches even unto the clouds

T. Thy righteousness is like the great moun-  
tains; thy judgments are a great deep; thou  
preservest man and beast.

C. How excellent is thy loving kindness, O  
God! therefore do the children of men put their  
trust under the shadow of thy wings.

S. They shall be abundantly satisfied with  
the fatness of thy house; and thou shalt make  
*them drink of the river of thy pleasure.*

**T.** Trust in the Lord and do good ; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.

**S.** Delight thyself also in the Lord ; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

**C.** The meek shall inherit the earth ; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.

**T.** Fret not thyself because of him that prospereth in his way, because of the man that bringeth wicked devices to pass.

**C.** For evil-doers shall be cut off : but those that wait upon the Lord, they shall inherit the earth.

**S.** Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright, for the end of that man is peace.

#### PRAYER.

Holy Father, although thou art exalted high above our limited views, yet thou graciously condescendest to regard them who are of low estate. Thou hast kindly assured us that thou wilt answer the prayers of such as worship thee in truth. Thou hast never said to the sons of men, "Seek ye my face in vain." In mercy grant that we may come before thee with filial awe, and feelings of deep contrition for all our past sins and errors, and with a full purpose of heart to obey thy commands in time to come.

Enable us, O God, to imitate the pure examples of thy well-beloved Son ; and faithfully to

perform the duties required of us in his religion, by which we are blessed. Save us from all vice; from strife and contention; from pride and mischief; from lying, stealing, profanity, and every species of naughtiness. And do thou, O Lord, give us a right understanding of thy word; and incline us to do whatever is required of us. O may we love and obey our parents and friends who are older than we. May we live in peace and friendship with our companions, and cultivate every generous and benevolent affection.

Reconcile us all, great God, to the allotments of thy providence. Make us love, serve, and obey thee on the earth; and in heaven we will worship and praise thee forever, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON. *Against Profanity.*

Thou shalt not take the name of thy God in vain: for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain. Ye shall not swear by my name falsely, neither shalt thou profane the name of thy God. By swearing, and lying, and killing, and stealing, they break out, and blood toucheth blood. Swear not at all. Above all things, my brethren, swear not: neither by heaven, neither by earth; neither by any other oath; but let your yea be yea, and your nay, nay, lest ye fall into condemnation.

15.

## A MORNING HYMN.

L. M.

- 1 Awake, my soul, and with the sun  
Thy daily course of duty run ;  
Shake off dull sloth, and joyful rise  
To pay thy morning sacrifice.
  - 2 Lord ! I my prayers to thee renew ;  
Scatter my sins like morning dew ;  
Guard my first springs of thought and will,  
And with thyself my spirit fill.
  - 3 Thee would I praise, who safe hast kept,  
And hast refreshed me while I slept ;  
Grant, Lord, when I from death shall wake,  
I may of endless life partake.
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## SERVICE XVI.

S. I said, I will take heed to my ways, that  
I sin not with my tongue.

C. Forsake me not, O Lord ; O my God, be  
not far from me.

S. Blessed is that man that maketh the Lord  
his trust, and respecteth not the proud, nor such  
as turn aside to lies.

C. I delight to do thy will, O my God : yea,  
thy law is my delight.

S. Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be  
glad in thee : let such as love thy salvation  
continually say, "the Lord be magnified."

T. Withhold not thy tender mercies from me,

O Lord ; let thy loving kindness and thy truth continually preserve me.

*C.* But I am poor and needy : yet, the Lord thinketh upon me ; thou art my help and my deliverer, O my God.

*All.* Why art thou cast down, O my soul ? and why art thou disquieted within me ? Hope thou in God : for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.

#### PRAYER.

O thou most high God, while prostrate angels adore thee in heaven thy dwelling-place, permit us in this world, dwelling in temples of mortality, to approach thee in the only name by which we may have access unto thee. Unto thee do we lift up our hearts and voices, for thou only art worthy to receive the high and holy tribute of grateful homage. O God, take our attention from the glittering yet delusive objects of time and sense ; and fix our attention on those rich and imperishable treasures which are laid up in heaven for us. In the gospel of thy dear Son may we find that happiness thou hast promised to bestow upon all them who love the truth. In the teachings of thy word, the promises of thy grace, and the faithful discharge of every duty, may we find that rest that remaineth for the people of God.

Help us, kind Father, to improve this opportunity, and all the means of thy grace, to the

promotion of our good and thy glory in the earth. May we never disappoint the fond hopes of our parents and friends, by neglecting to regard their wishes, or by abusing the privileges they afford us to acquire needful knowledge of the duties of life ; of thy character, government, and purposes ; and our immortal destiny. Reward them with thy favors ; and, with them and us, bless and save all mankind with an everlasting salvation, through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE LESSON.**    *Moral Precepts.*

Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil, cleave to that which is good. Be kindly affectioned one towards another with brotherly love ; in honor preferring one another ; not slothful in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord ; rejoicing in hope ; patient in tribulation ; continuing instant in prayer ; distributing to the necessity of the saints ; given to hospitality. Bless them that persecute you, bless and curse not. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits. Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. If thine enemy hunger, feed him ; if he thirst, give him drink. Be not overcome of evil ; but overcome evil with good. Abstain from all appearance of evil.



16.

COMING TO THE ALTAR.

C. M.

- 1 Great God, in love we now surround  
Thy altar and adore;  
Give thanks for all we have received,  
Thy goodness still implore.
  - 2 Behold, O Lord, our little group  
Who join their hearts in prayer;  
Grant us the visits of thy grace,  
And thy protecting care.
  - 3 Give us to feel thy sacred love,  
And learn thy holy will,  
That we each duty may perform,  
And all thy law fulfil.
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## SERVICE XVII.

S. God is the King of all the earth ; sing ye praises with the understanding.

C. We will praise thee, O Lord, for praise is comely in thy sight.

S. God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

T. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the depths of the sea.

C. As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God.

S. There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of our God, the holy place of the tabernacle of the Most High.

**T.** God is in the midst of her ; she shall not be moved ; God shall help her, and that right early.

**C.** The Lord of hosts is with us ; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

**All.** We have thought of thy loving kindness, O God, in the midst of thy temple.

#### PRAYER.

Our Father who art in heaven, we praise thee for thy great goodness, and thy unspeakable benefits bestowed upon the children of men. Thou art great, and greatly to be praised. Thou art worthy of the holiest offering we can bring. Yet thou requirest only the dedication of our hearts to thee, so that we may keep thy commandments by loving thee supremely, and our neighbors as ourselves.

We thank thee, great God, that thou hast given us a rational existence, and preserved us unto the present time. We thank thee that thou hast favored us with means for the improvement of our intellectual faculties, so that we may be qualified for future usefulness and enjoyment. We thank thee for all the promises of thy grace which regard our future happiness. O may we study to know the things which relate to our peace. May we be obedient and dutiful while young ; industrious, honest, and benevolent, as we advance in years. O may our souls be deeply imbued with the principles of pure religion,

as revealed in the gospel of our blessed Lord and Savior ; and in our lives may we manifest their beauty and power, by acts of virtue, and deeds of kindness. May thy love ever swell our bosoms with feelings of friendship and goodwill towards all mankind.

Finally, holy Father, may we meet with every creature in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that in them are, to praise and adore thee in a world without end. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON. *True Riches.*

Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not high minded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things ; that they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate : laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.

Having food and raiment, let us learn therewith to be content. They that will be rich in this world fall into temptation and a snare. For the love of money is the root of all evil ; which, while some have coveted after, have pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

Better is the poor that walketh in his uprightness, than he that is perverse in his ways, though

he is rich. A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches.

17. "DOUBTLESS THOU ART OUR FATHER." L. M.

- 1 Great God, and wilt thou condescend  
To be my Father and my friend ?—  
I but a child, and thou so high,  
The Lord of earth, and air, and sky !
  - 2 Art thou my Father ?—Let me be  
A meek, obedient child to thee ;  
And try, in every deed and thought,  
To serve and please thee as I ought.
  - 3 Art thou my Father ?—I'll depend  
Upon the care of such a friend ;  
And only wish to do, and be,  
Whatever seemeth good to thee.
  - 4 Art thou my Father ?—Then at last,  
When all my days on earth are past,  
Send down, and take me in thy love,  
To be a better child above !
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SERVICE XVIII.

*S.* In God is my salvation and my glory ;  
the rock of my strength and my refuge is in  
God.

*T.* Trust in him at all times ; ye people, pour  
out your heart before him.

*C.* God is a refuge for us.

*S.* Also unto thee, O Lord, belongeth mercy.

**T.** For thou renderest to every man according to his works.

**S.** The righteous shall be glad in the Lord, and shall trust in him.

**T.** And all the upright in heart shall glory.

**C.** O God, thou art my God ; early will I seek thee ; my soul thirsted for thee.

**S.** Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands.

**T.** Sing forth the honor of his name ; make his praise glorious.

**C.** All the earth shall worship thee, and shall sing unto thee : they shall sing unto thy name.

**S.** O bless our God, ye people, and make the voice of praise to be heard.

**T.** Which holdeth our souls in life, and suffereth not our feet to be moved.

**C.** Blessed be God, which hath not turned away my prayer, nor his mercy from me.

#### PRAYER.

O thou God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the God and Father of the spirits of all flesh ; we bow before thee in gratitude for thy many mercies bestowed upon us, unworthy though we are. We confess before thee the sins and follies of our past lives, and humbly ask thy forgiveness, that we may henceforth be obedient unto thee. Help us to forsake all vicious habits, and every error. May we so conduct that we may enjoy thine approbation and the respect and confidence of all who know us.

Give us a correct understanding of all the essential truths of thy word, that we may be thereby furnished unto every good work, prepared for all scenes,—the joys and ills of human life; for the hour of death, and for a blessed immortality. And unto thy name shall be all the glory, now and forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON. *Repentance.*

Repent ye, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. And the times of that ignorance God winked at, but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent. He is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

Wash you and make you clean; put away the evil of your doings; cease to do evil; learn to do well. What doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God. Whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, do ye even so unto them. Put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; and be ye renewed in the spirit of your mind; and put on the new man which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. Go and sin no more.

18. "REMEMBER THY CREATOR." C. M.

1 In the soft season of thy youth,  
In nature's smiling bloom,

Ere age arrive, or trembling wait  
Its summons to the tomb ;

2 Remember thy Creator, God ;  
For him thy powers employ ;  
Make him thy fear, thy love, thy hope,  
Thy confidence, thy joy.

3 He shall defend and guide thy course  
Through life's uncertain sea,  
Till 'thou art landed on the shore  
Of blessed eternity.

Then seek the Lord betimes, and choose  
The path of heavenly truth ;  
The earth affords no lovelier sight  
Than a religious youth.

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## SERVICE XIX.

S. The righteous shall be glad in the Lord,  
and shall trust in him ; and all the upright shall  
glory.

T. All men shall fear and shall declare the  
work of God ; for they shall wisely consider his  
doing.

C. God be merciful unto us, and bless us ;  
and cause his face to shine upon us.

S. That thy way may be known on earth, and  
thy saving health among all nations.

T. Let the people praise thee, O God.

C. Let all the people praise thee.

S. O let the nations be glad and sing for joy ;  
for thou shalt judge the people righteously, and  
govern the nations upon the earth.

*C.* Let the people praise thee, O God.

*T.* Let all the people praise thee.

*S.* Then shall the earth yield her increase.

*C.* And God, even our own God, shall bless us.

*All.* God shall bless us ; and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

### PRAYER.

Almighty and most merciful God ; not a sparrow can fall to the ground without thy notice ; and the hairs of our heads are all numbered. O may we realize that thou beholdest all our actions, and understandest all our thoughts. May all hypocrisy and deception depart from us, and may it not be our condemnation that we ask and receive not, because we ask amiss. Neither may we attempt to honor thee with our lips, while our hearts are far from thee. But unto thee, most merciful Father, may we come with grateful and contrite hearts, and present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to thee, which is our reasonable service. Teach us in the morning of life to learn thy will, and cultivate habits of virtue, industry, and submission, which will fit us for all the future scenes through which we may be called to pass. To this end, sanctify to us the means of instruction now afforded us, for learning thy holy truth. May we always receive the counsels and heed the advice of our parents, teachers, and friends.

*Forsake us not, kind Father, in any time of*



trouble, in sickness, or in death ; but prepare us to do thy will on earth, and to enjoy the blessings of immortal felicity in thy kingdom on high. And thine, through Christ our Lord, shall be all the praise. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON. *Salvation.*

Thou shalt call his name Jesus, for he shall save his people from their sins. Unto you first, God having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities. Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world. Behold, thou art made whole, sin no more.

The Lord shall make bare his holy arm in the eyes of all nations ; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of God. For the grace of God that bringeth salvation to all men hath appeared, teaching us that denying ungodliness, we should live righteously, soberly, and godly in the present world. God will have all men to be saved, and come to a knowledge of the truth. We have seen, and do testify, that the Father sent the Son to be the Savior of the world. For therefore we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all men ; especially of them that believe. All flesh shall see the salvation of God.

## 19. LET US WORSHIP HIM. L. M.

- 1 Come, little children, let us raise  
Unto our God a song of praise;  
'Twas he who formed us from the dust—  
In him we'll place our filial trust.
  - 2 In youth, he taught our sinless hearts  
To read the book which life imparts:  
O may we ever love to bless  
Our Father, God—the God of grace.
  - 3 He gave for us his only Son,  
To teach us every vice to shun,  
And give us hope of endless life,  
Beyond the reign of sin and strife.
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## SERVICE XX.

S. Let the righteous be glad: let them rejoice before God; yea, let them exceedingly rejoice.

C. Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation.

T. A father of the fatherless, and a judge of the widow, is God in his holy habitation.

S. Let the heaven and the earth praise him, the seas and everything therein. I will praise the name of God with a song.

C. And I will magnify him with thanksgiving.

S. He shall judge the poor of the people.

T. He shall save the children of the needy.

S. They shall fear thee as long as the sun and moon endure.

T. O God, thou hast taught me from my youth: and hitherto have I declared thy wondrous works.

C. Blessed be the Lord God, who only doeth wondrous things.

S. And blessed be his glorious name forever:

C. And let the whole earth be filled with his glory.

All. Amen and amen.

### PRAYER.

With grateful feelings we appear before thee, O thou Most High, to engage in the delightful service of thy praise, and to acquire that knowledge which will qualify us to lead quiet and peaceable lives, to cultivate the pure principles of virtuous affection, and practise every moral and religious duty.

We thank thee for the institution of the holy Sabbath. On this day our dear Savior left the silent tomb and rose a conqueror of death and the grave, despoiled them of their power, and gave the assurance to the world, that, as he lives, we shall live also. O may we, on this day, leave our plays and idle thoughts, and meet before thee to talk of thy goodness, sing thy praises, hear thy truth, and advance in moral and religious knowledge. May we delight to study *the history* of our risen Redeemer, to view

his labors of love, to imbibe the spirit of his religion, and rejoice in the hope of immortality by him brought to light. May we faithfully improve this opportunity to learn his doctrine, and advance our growth in grace.

Preserve our minds, O Lord, from every evil thought and corrupt desire. Inspire us with thy love, that we may be risen with our Lord, and walk in newness of life. May all our hopes and wishes centre on thee. In thy favor may we live; in the triumphs of thy conquering grace may we die; and in eternity may we dwell in the bosom of thine everlasting love; and praise and enjoy thee forever, through Jesus Christ thy Son. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON. *The Beatitudes.*

Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of God. Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are they that do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God. Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

20.

## THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

L. M.

- 1 Assembled in our school once more,  
God's gracious blessing we'll implore:  
We meet to learn, and sing, and pray;  
May he be with us through this day.
  - 2 We would be here when prayer begins,  
To seek the pardon of our sins;  
To ask the favor of the Lord,  
And pray to understand his word.
  - 3 These Sabbath days will soon be o'er,  
And we shall come to school no more:  
We would not then endure the pain  
Of having spent our time in vain.
  - 4 And when we meet on earth no more,  
May we to God, our Father, soar!  
And praise him in more lofty strains,  
Where one eternal Sabbath reigns.
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## SERVICE XXI.

S. It is good for us to draw near to God.

T. I have put my trust in the Lord God, that  
I may declare all his works.

C. My heart and my flesh faileth; but God  
is the strength of my heart, and my portion for-  
ever.

T. Help us, O God of our salvation, for the  
glory of thy name.

C. And deliver us and purge away our sins.

S. So we thy people will give thee thanks  
forever: we will show forth thy praise to all  
generations.

C. Turn us again, O Lord God of Hosts, and cause thy face to shine, and we shall be saved.

S. How amiable are thy tabernacles, O Lord of Hosts.

T. My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord.

C. My heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.

S. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house.

T. They will be still praising thee.

S. For the Lord God is a sun and a shield; the Lord will give grace and glory.

C. No good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

All. Arise, O God, judge the earth, for thou shalt inherit all nations.

### PRAYER.

Infinite and eternal Spirit, thou art that Being in whom we live, and from whom we receive all things richly to enjoy. We thy children desire to be duly grateful for all thy mercies. We thank thee, O God, that we are created rational and moral beings, capable of rendering unto thee that service which is well pleasing in thy sight. We rejoice, that in all the teachings of thy holy word, no duties are enjoined upon us, as moral beings, but such as are reasonable, and promotive of human happiness. May our duty be made plain unto us, and may we so improve the *gifts of thy love*, that our days on the earth may

be pleasant and tranquil, and the end thereof bright and glorious.

Sensible are we, holy Father, of our numerous imperfections and wanderings from the path of duty ; but notwithstanding our sins are many and great, we would come before thee, imploring thy pardoning mercy, which ever flows, even to the meanest suppliant of thy grace. Grant our prayer then, that thy smiles may rest upon us, while here together to hear the truths of thy word. May our minds be guided by love and wisdom, and may all thy precepts make a deep and lasting impression upon our minds. May we cultivate for each other feelings of fraternal love ; for our parents, respect and obedience ; and for all, peace and good-will. May we imitate the examples of our divine Master, and dedicate to thee the high aspirations of our hearts. And to thy holy name shall be all the honor, now and forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON. *Divine Favor.*

The Lord is good to all, and his tender mercies are over all his works. Surely mercy and goodness shall follow me all the days of my life. For a small moment have I forsaken thee : but with great mercies will I gather thee. In a little wrath I hid my face from thee, for a moment, but with everlasting kindness will I have compassion on thee, saith the Lord, my Redeemer. For the mountains shall depart, and the

hills be removed, but my kindness shall not depart from thee ; neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, saith the Lord that hath mercy upon thee. The goodness of God endureth continually. O how great is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee.

21.

GRATITUDE.

C. M.

- 1 When all thy mercies, O my God,  
My rising soul surveys,  
Transported with the view, I'm lost  
In wonder, love, and praise.
- 2 O, how shall words with equal warmth  
The gratitude declare,  
That glows within my ravished heart?  
But thou canst read it there.
- 3 Unnumbered comforts to my soul  
Thy tender care bestowed,  
Before my infant heart conceived  
From whence these comforts flowed.
- 4 Through every period of my life,  
Thy goodness I'll pursue ;  
And after death, in distant worlds,  
The glorious theme renew.

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## SERVICE XXII.

S. Lord, thou hast been favorable to thy land.

C. I will hear what the Lord will speak.

T. He will speak peace unto his people, even  
*to his saints.*



S. But let them not turn again to folly.

C. Surely salvation is nigh them that fear him.

S. For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive, and plenteous in mercy to all that call upon thee.

C. Give ear, O Lord, unto my prayer, and attend to the voice of my supplications.

T. In the day of my trouble will I call upon thee: for thou wilt answer me.

S. All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O Lord, and shall glorify thy name.

T. For thou art great, and doest wondrous things: thou art God alone.

C. Teach me thy way, O Lord; I will walk in thy truth.

All. I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart; and I will glorify thy name forevermore.

### PRAYER.

Infinitely great and glorious God, our Creator, Preserver, and Friend; once more we have met around thine altar to offer unto thee the sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving, the only acceptable offering we can bring. Give us the spirit of devotion, penitence, and humility; that we may worship thee in the beauty of holiness. Thou art love, and all thy works declare thy goodness. From the earliest period of life, thou

hast given us the blessings convenient for us. But thy goodness, merciful Father, is nowhere so clearly seen as in thy word, in the life and teachings, the death and resurrection, of thy Son, our Savior, through whom thy love is commended unto a world of perishing sinners. O may we seek a more thorough acquaintance with thy revealed truth, that we may be led to repentance for all past sins, and be encouraged to pursue the path of filial obedience.

O God, give us the spirit of brotherly love, that we may live quietly and peaceably all the days of our sojourning here, and be always active unto every good word and work. Give us the spirit of benevolence and forgiveness, that we may never retaliate the injuries done us; but always do unto others as we would have others do unto us.

Bless us, O Lord, on this occasion, and during our future life: and with us, wilt thou save all mankind from error, sin, and death; and fit us for a holy and happy existence in the world to come. And unto thee, the King eternal, immortal and invisible, the only wise God, shall be given all praise, in a world without end. Amen.

#### SCRIPTURE LESSON. *Confidence in God.*

It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man. It is better to trust in the *Lord* than to put confidence in princes. The

Lord is my strength and song, and is become my salvation. Trust in the Lord forever, for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength. In the fear of the Lord is strong confidence; and his children shall have a place of refuge. Cast not away, therefore, your confidence, which hath a great recompense of reward. This is the confidence we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us. I trust in the mercy of God forever. They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up as on eagles' wings; they shall run and not be weary, and walk and not faint.

22.

"TEACH US TO PRAY."

S. M.

1 Lord, teach us how to pray,  
And give us hearts to ask,  
Or all we seek, or think, or say,  
Will prove a tiresome task.

2 Thy holy Spirit send,  
Our bosoms to inspire;  
Then shall our praise to thee ascend,  
With pure and warm desire.

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## SERVICE XXIII.

S. Lord, thou hast been our dwelling-place  
in all generations.

T. *Before the mountains were brought forth,*

or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.

C. A thousand years in thy sight is but a yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night.

S. For all our days are passed away in thy wrath; we spend our years as a tale that is told.

T. So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

C. O satisfy us early with thy mercy, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

S. Let thy work appear unto thy servants and thy glory unto their children.

T. And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands upon us.

C. Yea, the work of our hands, establish thou it.

*All.* For the Lord is great, and greatly to be praised.

### PRAYER.

O Thou who forgiveth sin, and heareth the prayers of the penitent; indulge our humble claim, and grant us the guidance of thy Holy Spirit, that we may come into thy presence with devout feelings, and render to thee the grateful tribute of praise. We acknowledge, O Lord *that we have sinned and come short our duty*

and have thereby brought upon ourselves that bitterness of spirit which is the just punishment of our sins. Thou art just and right in all thy ways, in the infliction of chastisement, as well as in the bestowment of thy mercies. We would stand before thee like the publican and cry, "God be merciful to us sinners," and reform us from whatever is wrong by the salutary principles of thy moral government. Soften our feelings, and purify us from every evil desire, that henceforth we may love thee more and serve thee better. O may thy paternal love, so clearly seen and often felt, lead us all to love thee, our Father in heaven, with a pure heart, fervently. May we love our Lord Jesus Christ, our relations, friends, and enemies, and all the creatures thou hast made.

Give us strength and disposition, O God, to perform our duty to thee, and all men. May we be kind to the poor, and according to our means relieve their wants. Keep us from pride, and quarrelling, and all evil conversation. O may we never profane thy holy name; but speak it with reverence and godly fear.

Guide us all, great God, by counsel unerring, through life's devious journey. Give us strength equal to our day; and finally receive us to thyself in the abodes of the blessed, to unite with all saints and angels to adore thee, through Christ our Lord, forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON. *Brevity of Life.*

What is your life? It is even a vapor which appeareth a little time and then vanisheth away. As for man, his days are as grass; as a flower of the field so he flourisheth; for the wind passeth over it, and it is gone, and the place thereof shall know it no more.

My days are like a shadow when it declineth. When a few more years are come, then I shall go the way whence I shall not return. O fathers, where are they? For we are strangers before thee and sojourners, as were all our fathers; our days on the earth are as a shadow, and there is none abiding. The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they are fourscore years, yet is their strength trouble and sorrow; for it is soon cut off and fleeth away. Man that is born of women is of few days and full of trouble. He cometh forth like a flower; he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not.

## 23. SEEKING THE WAY OF LIFE. C. M.

1 Lord, may I ne'er in youth be led  
In sin's dark paths to stray,  
But may I early learn to tread  
In wisdom's pleasant way.

2 Father, whatever good or ill  
For me may be in store,  
Make me submissive to thy will,  
And I will ask no more.

- 3 Attend me through my youthful way,  
Whatever be my lot ;  
And when I'm feeble, old, and gray,  
O Lord, forsake me not.
- 4 Then still, as seasons hasten by,  
I will for heaven prepare ;  
That God may take me, when I die,  
To be forever there.
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## SERVICE XXIV.

S. O sing unto the Lord a new song ; for he hath done marvellous things : his right hand and his holy arm hath gotten him the victory.

T. He hath remembered his mercy and his truth toward the house of Israel.

C. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of God.

S. Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth.

T. Serve the Lord with gladness : come before his presence with singing.

C. I will sing of mercy and judgment ; unto thee, O Lord, will I sing.

T. Know ye that the Lord he is God ; it is he that made us, and not we ourselves : we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

S. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise : be thankful unto him and bless his name.

C. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

*All.* For the Lord is good, and his mercy endureth forever.

PRAYER.

O thou most high and holy God, our strength and our Redeemer ; to thee would we raise our thoughts in humble adoration, and ask of thee the bestowment of those blessings thou seest we need. Especially wilt thou vouchsafe to us the spirit of prayer, that we may worship thee as we ought. All that we are, and all that we enjoy, is from thee, O God ; for thou madest us, and favorest us with every good gift we enjoy. For these things do we praise thee.

We delight, holy Father, to engage in the public worship of thy name. Although we are in the morning of life, we have seen the way of the transgressor that it is hard ; and the way of wisdom that it is pleasant and easy. Do thou preserve us from all sin, from lying, profanity, and all mischief. Cleanse our minds and keep them from all wicked thoughts. May we understand the religion of thy dear Son, feel its power, walk in its light, be governed by its pure and benevolent spirit, rejoice in its hopes, and live worthy of the blessings it confers. May it fit us for the duties and vicissitudes of life, for the hour of death, and for endless bliss in heaven.

Turn us, O God, from every evil way ; *establish us* in the way of well-doing, that we



may add to the joys of our relations, and be ornaments in society. May the instructions of our school afford us wisdom, and prepare us for usefulness and honor. Confer thy blessings, gracious God, upon all men,—upon those poor children who dwell in lands of ignorance and error; where the light of thy truth has never shined, or the glad sound of a Savior's name been heard; where the hopes and joys of true religion have never been felt. Protect the defenceless; support the weak; comfort the mourners; reclaim the vicious; humble the proud; exalt the humble; and bring all who dwell upon the land, and all who go down to the sea in ships, to know thy truth, and share in thy grace and the salvation of a crucified Redeemer, who gave himself a ransom for all to be testified in due time. And thine, through Christ the Lord, shall be all the glory, forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON. *Hope.*

For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope, for what a man seeth why doth he yet hope for? But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it. Happy is he whose hope is in the Lord. In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began. That by two immutable things in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation who have fled for refuge to lay hold on

the hope set before us : which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the vail. Every one that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure. Who hath begotten us again unto a lively hope, by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you. Hope in God.

## 24.

## GOD OUR CREATOR.

C. M.

- 1 Thou, gracious God ! hast formed my mind  
With powers of sense and thought ;  
O may I ever be inclined  
To use them as I ought.
- 2 Be all my thoughts, where'er I turn,  
From vice and folly free ;  
And all I teach, and all I learn,  
Referred to heaven and thee.
- 3 Thou, who hast formed these minds of ours  
To reason, judge, and prove,  
Hast formed our souls with finer powers,  
To feel, and hope, and love.
- 4 While reason's strength a God reveals,  
And fain would comprehend ;  
The heart with fond emotion feels  
A father, and a friend.

## SERVICE XXV.

S. O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good ; for his mercy endureth forever.

T. O Lord, how manifold are thy works ! in wisdom hast thou made them all.

C. The earth is full of thy goodness.

S. O that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men.

T. Let them exalt him also in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

C. From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same, the Lord's name is to be praised.

S. The Lord is gracious and full of compassion ; slow to anger, and of great mercy.

T. The Lord is good to all : and his tender mercies are over all his works.

C. All thy works shall praise thee, O Lord, and thy saints shall bless thee.

S. The Lord upholdeth all that fall, and raiseth up all that be bowed down.

T. The eyes of all waiteth upon thee, and thou givest them their meat in due season.

C. Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.

S. The Lord is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works.

All. I will extol thee, my God, O King, and I will bless thy name forever and ever.

## PRAYER.

Almighty and most merciful God ; once more we meet before thee, to worship thee in the way of thine appointment. Aid us by the influence of thy Holy Spirit, and guide us by thy wisdom. Make us sensible that it is in thee that we live, and move, and have our being ; that from thee come all our blessings, and that to thee we are always accountable for their proper use. We thank thee, holy Father, that, in the regulation of the world, thou hast established pure, perfect, and permanent laws, from which thou dost never deviate,—laws which regard the present and eternal honor of thy kingdom, and the happiness of thy rational offspring. In obedience to these laws, as they regard our physical, intellectual, and moral natures, we find health, peace, and prosperity ; and when we infringe them, disease, pain, and sorrow is our portion. In these things we mark thy righteous government over all thy creatures. We pray devoutly, O God, that we may know what thy holy laws require of us, and be heartily disposed to do it as unto God, and not unto men ; for “ in keeping thy commands there is great reward,” and “ great peace have they that love thy law, and nothing shall offend them.” Encouraged by the tokens of thy greatness, may we always seek the guidance of thy laws to direct us in ways everlasting. May we imitate thy Son, *who, though he was tempted in all points like as*

we are, fulfilled thy law and made it honorable. May his life and precepts be the pattern of our conduct. And when, in thy wise providence, our earthly existence shall be terminated, and the dust return to the dust as it was, may our spirits, purified from all sin, rise above the frailties of earth, to the pure and spiritual world, where, clothed with a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens, we shall unite, with a ransomed universe, to praise thee in a song without discord, in a day without night, and in a world without end. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON. *Instruction from God.*

Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them. Submit yourselves unto God. Draw nigh unto him, and he will draw nigh unto you; cleanse your hands, ye sinners, and purify your hearts, ye double minded. The wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. Buy the truth and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding. Grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Speaking the truth in love, grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ. The Lord make you to abound in love

one toward another, and toward all men. Walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God.

25.

SABBATH MORNING.

L. M.

1 Again we see the Sabbath day,  
And hear of Jesus and of heaven :  
We thank thee, Father ; and we pray  
That all our sins may be forgiven.

2 May all we hear be understood,  
Be well remembered through the week ;  
Lord, help us to be wise and good,  
More humble, diligent, and meek.

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## SERVICE XXVI.

S. Praise ye the Lord ; for it is good to sing praises unto our God ; for it is pleasant, and praise is comely.

T. Praise him, all his angels.

C. Praise him, all his hosts.

S. Praise him, sun and moon ;

C. Praise him, ye stars of light ;

S. Praise him, ye heaven of heavens ;

T. And ye waters that are above the heavens :

C. Let them praise the name of the Lord.

S. Praise the Lord from the earth, ye dragons and all deeps :

- T.* Fire and hail :  
*C.* Snow and vapors :  
*S.* Stormy wind fulfilling his word :  
*T.* Mountains and all hills.  
*C.* Fruitful fields, and all cedars ;  
*S.* Beasts and all cattle.  
*T.* Creeping thing and flying fowl ;  
*C.* Kings of the earth and all people ;  
*S.* Princes and judges of the earth ;  
*T.* Both young men and maidens ;  
*C.* Old men and children ;  
*S.* Let them praise the name of the Lord.  
*T.* Let us praise the name of the Lord.  
*C.* Let every thing that hath breath praise  
the Lord.

*All.* While I live will I praise the Lord, I  
will sing praises unto my God while I have any  
being.

#### PRAYER.

Our Father who art in heaven ; while thou  
art worshipped by the host above, and all on  
earth obey thy will, permit us, thy rational off-  
spring, made one grade lower than the angels,  
to approach thee in the attitude of prayer. Con-  
descend to regard us from thy high and holy  
throne with compassion for our faults ; and in-  
cline us, by thy love, to present to thee a worship  
acceptable in thy sight. Thy constant and in-  
numerable favors, daily and hourly bestowed  
upon us, demand the tribute of grateful praise.

O may we never forget the hand that feeds and clothes us, nor the principles on which these favors should always be received. May our first and highest wish be, to improve them to thine honor, which constitutes our real good, and to the promotion of human happiness in the earth.

Thou hast preserved us, kind Father, in health during the past week, and we are come before thee to praise thy name; to hear of thy truth; to cultivate pure affections; and to learn our duty and destiny. Meet with us, O Lord, by the operations of thy Spirit, and guide us into all truth; give us just views of thy character and government, and make us obedient unto thee. Remember us amid all the trials of human life, prepare us for the hour of sickness and death, and for the glories of thine eternal kingdom. And help us, O God, to say, [*all repeat*] "Our Father who art in heaven; hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth. Give us day by day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, power, and glory forever. Amen."

SCRIPTURE LESSON. *Good Advice.*

Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another: love as brethren, be *pitiful*, be courteous; not rendering evil for evil,



nor railing for railing, but contrarywise, blessing, knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing. For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile. Let him eschew evil, and do good, seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears open to their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil. And who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good? For it is better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing. Have always a conscience void of offence toward God and toward man. Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. Amen.

26.

SUNDAY WORSHIP.

L. M

- 1 Called by the Sabbath bells away  
     Unto thy holy temple, Lord,  
     I'll go, with willing mind, to pray,  
     To praise thy name and hear thy word.
- 2 O sacred day of peace and joy,  
     Thy hours are ever dear to me;  
     Ne'er may a sinful thought destroy  
     The holy calm I find in thee.
- 3 Dear are the peaceful hours to me;  
     For God has given them in his love,  
     To tell how calm, how blest shall be  
     The endless day, of heaven above.

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## ADDITIONAL HYMNS.

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27.

GOD SEES US.

C. M.

- 1 God sees and hears me all the day,  
And 'mid the darkest night;  
He views me when I disobey,  
And when I act aright.
- 2 He guards me with a parent's care,  
When I am all alone :  
My hymns of praise, my humble prayer  
He hears them every one.
- 3 God hears what I am saying now ;  
Oh ! what a wondrous thought !  
My heavenly Father, teach me how  
W To love thee as I ought.

28.

JESUS BLESSES LITTLE CHILDREN.

S. M.

- 1 The Savior, when on earth,  
Was gentle, meek and mild ;  
He never coldly turned away,  
E'en from a little child.
- 2 When to him they were led,  
He blessed and called them his ;  
He took them in his arms and said,  
"Of such my kingdom is."

**29. PRAISE FROM ALL CREATURES. 8s & 7s M.**

- 1 Praise to thee, thou great Creator!  
Praise to thee from every tongue;  
Join, my soul, with every creature;—  
Join the universal song:
- 2 For the thousand blessings given,  
For the hope of future joy,  
Sound his praise through earth and heaven—  
Sound Jehovah's praise on high.

**30. OF HIM ARE ALL THINGS. C. M**

- 1 There's not a tint that paints the rose,  
Or decks the lily fair,  
Or streaks the humblest flower that grows,  
But God has placed it there.
- 2 There's not of grass a single blade,  
Or leaf of lowliest mien,  
Where heavenly skill is not displayed,  
And heavenly wisdom seen.
- 3 There's not a star whose twinkling light  
Illumes the spreading earth;  
There's not a cloud, or dark or bright,  
But mercy gave it birth.
- 4 Then wake, my soul, and sing His name,  
And all his praise rehearse,  
Who spread abroad earth's glorious frame,  
And made the universe.

**31. GRATITUDE FOR CHRISTIAN PRIVILEGES. C. M.**

- 1 I thank the goodness and the grace  
Which on my birth have smiled,  
And made me in these Christian days  
A free and happy child.
- 2 I was not born, as millions are,  
Where God was never known,  
And taught to pray a useless prayer  
To blocks of wood and stone.

- 3 My God ! I thank thee, who hast planned  
 A better lot for me,  
 And placed me in this happy land,  
 Where I may hear of thee.
- 4 Help me to serve thee every day,  
 Whilst thou shalt give me breath :  
 And grant that while on earth I stay,  
 I may prepare for death.

32.

HUMILITY.

H. M.

- 1 Is this the Son of God ?  
 The Savior of our race ?  
 And was my blessed Lord  
 Laid in so mean a place ?  
 Then how should we,  
 To imitate our Lord so great,  
 Most humble be.
- 2 Behold the lovely babe,  
 Born in an humble shed,  
 Is in a manger laid,  
 His cradle and his bed :  
 O then shall we  
 A soul deride ? or leave all pride,  
 And humble be ?
- 3 Is this the Son of God,  
 Laid in a silent grave ?  
 And did he bear the rod  
 For all he came to save ?  
 Then we'll adore  
 The wondrous plan to rescue man,  
 And sin no more.

33.

RELIGION.

7s M

- 1 'Tis religion that can give  
 Sweetest pleasure while we live ;  
 'Tis religion must supply  
 Solid comfort when we die.
- 2 After death its joys will be  
 Lasting as eternity ;

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If my Savior is my friend,  
Then my bliss shall never end.

### 34. "THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS WITHIN YOU." S. M.

- 1 Lord, let thy kingdom come !  
Let thy good spirit find  
A calm abode, a peaceful home,  
A temple in our mind.
- 2 In us reveal thy laws,  
And teach us all thy will ;  
That we, devoted to thy cause,  
Thy pleasure may fulfil.
- 3 Let peace, and joy, and love,  
Be fully, freely given,  
And may our youthful hearts improve  
Till we are fit for heaven.

### 35. DUTY TO GOD. 12s M.

- 1 How bright are the beams when the sun shines so cheering,  
As he daily pursues his glad journey above ;—  
But brighter, far brighter, the lives of those children,  
Who employ every hour in the duties of love.
- 2 What a beautiful sight is a garden of flowers,  
That, arranged in fine order, all flourish and thrive ;  
More beautiful still is a family circle,  
Where brothers and sisters in harmony live.
- 3 Thou best of all Beings, who rulest creation—  
Every creature that lives—every object I see ;  
O, grant in thy mercy, that all I discover,  
May instruct me each day in my duty to thee.

### 36. PRAYER FOR GOD'S BLESSING. 8s & 7s M.

- 1 Oh, how many thousand blessings  
Has our Maker strewed around ;  
On each lovely leaf in nature  
Is his power and goodness found.

- 2 Every morning, every evening,  
Let our prayerful thanks arise,  
Till we join the song of angels,  
In the clear and shining skies.

37. "EARLY WILL I SEEK THY FAVOR." C. M.

- 1 What bless'd example do I find,  
Writ in the word of truth,  
Of children, who begun to mind  
Religion in their youth.
- 2 Jesus, who lives above the sky,  
Our Savior and our Lord,  
Was once a child as young as I,  
And kept his father's word.
- 3 Samuel the child was weaned and brought  
To wait before the Lord ;  
Young Timothy betimes was taught  
To know his holy word.
- 4 Then why should I so long delay  
What others learned so soon ?  
I would not pass another day,  
Without this work begun.

38. GOD PROTECTS US IN THE NIGHT. C. P. M.

- 1 'Tis thou, O Lord, who shield'st my head,  
And draw'st my curtains round my bed ;  
I sleep secure in thee ;  
And, O may that blessed time arrive,  
When we before thy face shall live  
Through all eternity.

39 PRAISE GOD IN THE MORNING. 10s & 11s M.

- 1 The dark night is past, its shadows are fled,  
New splendors at last all nature o'erspread ;  
I rise from my slumber, to engage in his praise  
Whose gifts without number encompass my ways.

- 2 Let wisdom and truth my footsteps direct ;  
 Thou God of my youth, my spirit protect ;  
 From every temptation preserve me in peace,  
 To sing of salvation through ages of bliss.

40. SATURDAY NIGHT. 8s, 6s, & 4s M.

I've passed another happy week  
 Beneath thy tender care ;  
 And now I come, O Lord ! to seek  
 Thy face in fervent prayer.  
     In work or play,  
     Whene'er I may  
 Have sinned against thy word,  
     I pray forgive ;  
     And let me live  
 To serve and please thee, Lord.

41. ASPIRING AFTER HEAVEN. C. M.

- 1 Earth has engrossed our thoughts too long ;  
     'Tis time we lift our eyes  
 Upward, our Father, to thy throne,  
     And to our native skies.
- 2 Now let me mount, and join their song,  
     And be an angel too :  
 My heart, my hand, my ear, my tongue !  
     Here's joyful work for you.
- 3 Come, children, sound the music here,  
     Let every voice arise :  
 O, for a heavenly host to bear  
     Us upward to the skies.

42. PRAISE TO GOD FOR HIS GOODNESS. 7s M.

- 1 Glory be to God on high,—  
 God, whose glory fills the sky ;  
 Lift your voices, children all,  
 Praise the Lord on whom you call.
- 2 Children, all your earthly days,  
 Learn the sweetest notes to raise ;



Sing his name with one consent—  
O how great, how excellent !

- 3 Ye who vital breath enjoy,  
In his praise that breath employ :  
In united chorus join,  
Praise, still praise his name divine.

43. PRAISE TO GOD. 11s M.

Come, let us adore him, come bow at his feet !  
O, give him the glory, the praise that is meet ;  
Let joyful hosannas unceasing arise,  
And join the full chorus that gladdens the skies.

44. OBEDIENCE TO GOD'S LAW. S. M.

- 1 We, Lord, thy children are,  
Created by thy will ;  
Incline us all with constant care  
Thy statutes to fulfil.
- 2 Open our minds to read,  
And learn thy holy praise ,  
O may thy grace our footsteps lead  
From false and sinful ways

45. TRUST IN GOD. C. M.

To thee, O God, I bring my prayer,  
Grateful for mercies given ;  
Through life protect me by thy care,  
Then take me back to heaven.

46. FOLLOWING JESUS. L. M.

- 1 By Jesus' pure example taught,  
May we be led, in serious thought,  
O Lord, in early life, to see  
And seek our happiness in thee !
- 2 May our young minds and memories be  
Here trained to early piety ;  
And may our hearts, and all our days,  
Be thus devoted to thy praise !

## 47. AN EVENING PRAYER. C. M.

- 1 Lord, wilt thou guide an infant heart,  
That fain would turn to thee?  
Thou carest for the sparrow's fall  
And wilt remember me!
- 2 When evening comes, the hour of prayer—  
The time good children love;  
How sweet to leave my childish play,  
And lift my thoughts above.
- 3 Then o'er my young, glad spirit comes  
A happiness so pure,  
To gain which, days of grief and pain  
Were little to endure.
- 4 I'll bless the hour I first was taught  
To bend the lowly knee,  
And from an infant's sinless heart  
To lisp a prayer to thee!

## 48. UNIVERSAL PRAISE. H. M.

Now to the King of heaven  
Your grateful voices raise;  
To him be glory given,  
Power, majesty, and praise.  
Wide as he reigns,  
His name be sung, by every tongue,  
In endless strains.

## 49. SABBATH MORNING. 7s M.

- 1 Fair the Sabbath sun appears,  
Drying all night's dewy tears;  
Balmy is the summer air,  
And the sky-lark warbles there.
- 2 No rude sound the morning greets  
Hushed to quiet are the streets,  
And along in pleasant talk  
Groups of happy children walk.

- 3 While to hold communion sweet,  
At the Sabbath school we meet,  
Let us always careful be  
Every idle thought to flee.
- 4 We should love our teachers dear,  
For their care and kindness here,  
Keep the precepts we are taught,  
And be grateful as we ought.

50.

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

L. M.

- 1 Father, adored in worlds above,  
Thy glorious name be hallowed still ;  
Thy kingdom come with power and love,  
And earth, like heaven, obey thy will.
- 2 Lord, make my daily wants thy care ;  
Forgive the sins which I forsake ;  
And let me in thy kindness share,  
As fellow-men of mine partake.
- 3 Evils beset me every hour,  
Thy kind protection I implore ;  
Thine is the kingdom, thine the power ;  
Be thine the glory evermore.

51

WHEN TO WORSHIP GOD.

7s & 6s M.

- 1 Go, when the morning shineth,  
Go, when the noon is bright,  
Go, when the eve declineth,  
Go, in the hush of night ;  
Go, with pure mind and feeling,  
Cast earthly thought away,  
And in thy chamber kneeling,  
Do thou in secret pray.
- 2 O ! not a joy nor blessing  
With this can we compare,  
The power that God hath given us  
To prove our souls in prayer !  
Whene'er thou pin'st in sadness,  
Before his footstool fall ;  
Remember, in thy gladness,  
*His love who gave thee all.*

**52. BE THOU MY STRENGTH. C.**

- 1 Almighty Father ! I am weak, .  
But thou wilt strengthen me,  
If from my heart I humbly seek  
For health and light from thee.
- 2 When I am tempted to do wrong,  
Then, Father, pity me,  
And make my failing virtue strong,  
Help me to think of thee !
- 3 Let christian courage guard my youth ;  
That courage give to me  
That ever speaks and acts the truth,  
And puts its trust in thee.

**53. GOD OUR PROTECTOR. C.**

- 1 Lord, I would own thy tender care,  
And all thy love to me ;  
The food I eat, the clothes I wear,  
Are all bestowed by thee.
- 2 'Tis thou preservest me from death,  
And dangers, every hour ;  
I cannot draw another breath,  
Unless thou giv'st me power.
- 3 Kind angels guard me every night,  
As round my bed they stay ;  
Nor am I absent from thy sight,  
In darkness, or by day.
- 4 Such goodness, Lord, and constant care,  
A child can ne'er repay ;  
But may it be my daily prayer,  
To love thee, and obey.

**54. HAPPY CHILDREN. L. M.**

- 1 If little children love to pray,  
And keep their tempers all the day,

And never speak a wicked word,  
Whatever language they have heard,—  
Or if they struggle hard and pray,  
To drive all naughty thoughts away,—

- 2 Then they'll be happy all day long,  
As wild birds in their merry song ;  
And they will have no cause to fear,  
When sickness comes, or death is near,—  
For they will go to worlds on high,  
And live with God beyond the sky.

55.

"REMEMBER ME."

C. M.

- 1 "Our Father" hears when sinners pray ;  
'Tis joyful news to me :  
I'll seek his face without delay,  
And cry, "Remember me."  
2 Through all the dangerous paths of youth,  
Jesus, my leader be :  
Teach me to tread the ways of truth ;  
Blest "Lord, remember me."  
3 And when life's journey shall be o'er,  
Heaven's mercy may I see ;  
Almighty ! I would seek no more  
Than this, "Remember me."

56.

SUPPLICATION.

8s & 7s 6l. M

- 1 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us  
O'er the world's tempestuous sea ;  
Guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,  
For we know no help but thee :  
Still possessing every blessing,  
If our God and Father be !  
2 Savior ! breathe forgiveness o'er us,  
All our weakness thou dost know ;  
Thou didst tread the world before us,  
Thou didst feel its keenest woe ;  
Lone and dreary, weak and weary,  
Through the desert thou didst go !  
3 Spirit of our God, descending,  
Fill our hearts with heavenly joy,

Love with kind affection blending,  
 Pleasures time can never cloy.  
 Thus provided, pardoned, guided,  
 Nothing shall our peace destroy

57.                    GOD IS EVERYWHERE.                    L. M.

- 1 There is an unseen Power around,  
    Existing in the silent air :  
    Where treadeth man, where space is found,  
    Unheard, unknown, that Power is there.
- 2 That Power which watches, guides, defends,  
    Till man becomes a lifeless sod,  
    Till, raised from death, to heaven ascends—  
    That Omnipresent Power is God.

58.                    GOD BE WITH US.                    C. M.

O Lord, may we from sin depart,  
 And keep thy sacred word !  
 Let holiness make every heart  
 A temple of the Lord.

59                    LORD, DIRECT ME.    8s, 7s, & 4s M.

- 1 Lord, direct me by thy Spirit  
    In the pathway of the just ;  
    Way of sinners, may I flee it,—  
    Fix in God my filial trust :  
    Love him, praise him,  
    Till I mingle with the dust.
- 2 Then in heaven I'll praise him higher,  
    Prostrate at his feet I'll fall,  
    I'll praise him with the angel lyre,—  
    Praise him with the great and small.  
    Hallelujah !  
    God in Christ is all in all.

60. PRAISE GOD ALWAYS. L. P. M.

I'll praise my Maker with my breath,  
And when my voice is lost in death,  
Praise shall employ my nobler powers;  
My days of praise shall ne'er be past  
While life, and thought, and being last,  
Or immortality endures.

61. DEVOUT SUPPLICATION. 7s M.

- 1 Suppliant, lo ! thy children bend,  
Father, for thy blessing now ;  
Thou canst teach us, guide, defend,—  
We are weak, almighty thou.
- 2 With the peace thy word imparts  
Be the taught and teacher blest ;  
In their lives and in their hearts,  
Father, be thy laws impest.
- 3 Grant us spirits lowly, pure,  
Errors pardoned, sins forgiven,  
Humble trust, obedience sure,  
Love to man, and faith in heaven.

62. PRAYER FOR WISDOM. 8s & 7s M.

- 1 God of mercy and of wisdom !  
Hear thy children's listening cry ;  
Let thy presence, Lord, be with them,  
Teaching lessons from on high.
- 2 Here beneath thy wing we seat us,  
Up to heaven for wisdom look ;  
Lord, in mercy deign to meet us,—  
Meet us in thy sacred book.
- 3 Since thy truth does gild its pages,  
May that truth, Lord, make us free ;  
On the Rock of endless ages  
Let our faith established be.

**63. GOD'S WORD A GUIDE FOR YOUTH. C. M.**

- 1 The morn of life how fair and gay !  
How cheering and how new !  
What hope illumes each opening day,  
And brightens every view !
- 2 Youth's ardent mind, with joy elate,  
Elastic and sincere,  
Suspects no ills that may await,  
Nor yields a thought to fear.
- 3 In God's own word a way is sure,  
And clear to every eye ;  
It leads us in a path secure,  
To brighter worlds on high.

**64. CHRIST OUR PATTERN. C. M.**

- 1 If from the precepts of the Lord  
Instruction you would draw,  
Remember what his spirit was,  
What his peculiar law.
- 2 The love which all his bosom filled,  
Did all his actions guide ;  
Inspired by love, he lived and taught ;  
Inspired by love he died.
- 3 And do you love him ? Do you feel  
Your warm affections move ?  
This is the proof that he demands—  
That you each other love.

**65. SHORTNESS OF TIME. C M**

- 1 How long sometimes a day appears !  
And weeks, how long are they !  
Months move as slow as if the years  
Would never pass away.
- 2 Days, months and years must have an end,—  
Eternity has none ;  
'Twill always have as long to spend  
As when it first began.



- 3 Great God ! I own I cannot tell  
How such a thing can be ;  
I only pray that I may dwell  
That long—long time with thee.

66. HEAVENLY JOY ON EARTH. S. M.

- 1 Come we who love the Lord,  
And let our joy be known :  
Join in a song with sweet accord,  
And thus surround the throne.
- 2 The sorrows of the mind  
Be banished from the place ;  
Religion never was designed  
To make our pleasures less.
- 3 Then let our songs abound,  
And every tear be dry ;  
We're marching through Immanuel's ground  
To fairer worlds on high.

67. ADVICE TO CHILDREN. L. M.

- 1 Children, in years and knowledge young,  
Your parents' hope, your parents' joy !  
Attend the counsels of my tongue—  
Let pious thoughts your minds employ.
- 2 If you desire a length of days,  
And peace to crown your mortal state,  
Refrain your feet from impious ways,  
Your lips from slander and deceit.

68. ALL WITHIN ME BLESS HIS NAME. 6s M.

*Quartetto.*

- 1 Awake, awake, my voice !  
Thy God demands this hour,  
Before his throne rejoice,  
And fear, yet bless his power.  
The privilege belongs  
To thee to swell his name,

And in the breath of songs  
His majesty proclaim.

*Trio.*

- 2 Awake, awake, my *mind* !  
Thy reasoning powers bestow,  
With intellect refined,  
The God who formed thee know  
Join in the noble note,  
Which soars from cultured man,  
And let the music float  
To God, whence it began.

*Duet.*

- 3 Awake, awake, my *heart* !  
Start from thy earthly dream—  
Thy tenderest chords impart,  
For Jesus leads the theme ;  
Thou must not slumber here,  
Arise and be forgiven,  
Thy Savior, ever near,  
Will point the way to heaven.

*Chorus.*

- 4 Yes, *heart*, and *mind*, and *voice*,  
Rise at the Gospel's call,  
In concert full rejoice,  
And urge alike on all,—  
On age, though tempest-shook,  
On youth, in light and joy,  
On manhood's upward look,  
To join the high employ.

69.

A CALL TO PRAYER.

P. 1

1 To prayer, to prayer ! for the morning breaks,  
And earth in her Maker's smile awakes ;  
His light is on all below and above,  
The light of gladness, and life, and love :  
O, then, on the breath of this early air,  
Send upward the incense of grateful prayer.

2 To prayer ! for the glorious sun is gone,  
And the gathering darkness of night comes on ;

Like a curtain from God's kind hand it flows,  
To shade the couch where his children repose :  
Then kneel, while the watching stars are bright,  
And give your last thoughts to the Guardian of night.

3 To prayer ! for the day that God has blest  
Comes tranquilly on with its welcome rest :  
It speaks of Creation's early bloom ;  
It speaks of the Prince who burst the tomb :  
Then summon the spirit's exalted powers,  
And devote to heaven the hallowed hours.

70.

INVOCATION.

6s & 4s M.

- 1 Come, thou Almighty King !  
Help us thy name to sing !  
Help us to praise !  
Father, all glorious,  
O'er all victorious,  
Come and reign over us,  
Ancient of days !
- 2 Come, thou all-gracious Lord !  
By heaven and earth adored,  
Our prayer attend !  
Come, thy children bless ;  
Give thy word success ;  
Make thine own holiness  
On us descend.
- 3 Never from us depart ;  
Rule thou in every heart,  
Hence, evermore !  
Thy sovereign majesty  
May we in glory see,  
And to eternity  
Love and adore.

71

WE HAVE ANOTHER HOME.

S. M.

- 1 Now o'er earth's smiling face  
Our eyes delighted roam,  
But this is not our dwelling-place,  
We have another home.

- 2 We look beyond this sphere  
To one more bright and pure ;  
Where sin can never cause a tear,  
Nor pain the heart endure ;
- 3 Where all we ever loved  
In happiness shall meet,  
Their radiant powers with glory crowned,  
Bending at Jesus' feet.
- 4 This faith be our defence  
From fear, when death shall come,  
Whom God will send to call us hence,  
To heaven, our other home.

72.

## THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

5s M.

- 1 How sweet is the day,  
When, leaving our play,  
The Savior we seek !  
The fair morning glows,  
When Jesus arose—  
The best in the week.
- 2 The dear place of prayer—  
Our teachers are there,  
To point us above ;  
Their hearts burn with zeal,  
That children may feel  
The Savior's kind love.
- 2 To school then we'll go,  
For surely we know  
Our Sabbaths must end ;  
O then to the skies,  
Redeemed, may we rise,  
To Jesus our friend.

## 73. TRIUMPHS OF THE GOSPEL. 8s, 7s, &amp; 4s M.

- 1 O'er the gloomy hills of darkness,  
Cheered by no celestial ray,  
Sun of Righteousness arising,  
Bring the bright, the glorious day ;  
Send the Gospel  
Through the realms of earth and sea.

- 2 Bid the everlasting Gospel  
Win, and conquer, and increase ;  
Bid the Savior's wide dominions  
Multiply and still increase,  
Till his sceptre  
Fills the world with life and peace.

74. THE LAW DIVINE. P. M.

- 1 The Law divine—  
Say not 'tis hidden or far removed,  
Within 'twould shine,  
If there its glorious light were sought and loved.
- 2 Soar not too high,  
Nor ask who thence shall bring it down to earth ;  
That vaulted sky  
Hath no such star, didst thou but know its worth.
- 3 Nor launch thy bark  
In search thereof upon a shoreless sea,  
Which has no ark,  
No dove to bring this olive branch to thee.
- 4 Then do not roam  
In search of that which wandering cannot win ;  
At home ! at home !  
That word is placed thy mouth, thy heart within.
- 5 O ! seek it there,  
Turn to its teachings with devoted will ;  
Watch unto prayer,  
And in the power of faith this law fulfil.

75. EARLY PIETY. C. M.

- 1 When children give their hearts to God,  
'Tis pleasing in his eyes ;  
A flower when offered in the bud  
Is no vain sacrifice.
- 2 It saves us from a thousand snares  
To mind religion young ;  
Grace will preserve our following years,  
And make our virtues strong.

- 3 To thee, Almighty God, to thee,  
 May we our hearts resign ;  
 'Twill please us to look back and see  
 That our whole lives were thine.
- 4 Let the sweet work of prayer and praise  
 Employ our youngest breath ;  
 Thus we're prepared for longer years,  
 Or fit for early death.

76.

## EVENING ASPIRATIONS.

P. M.

God that madest earth and heaven,  
 Darkness and light !  
 Who the day for toil hast given,  
 For rest the night !  
 May thine angel guards defend us,  
 Slumber sweet thy mercy send us,  
 Holy joys and hopes attend us  
 This livelong night !

77.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER.

6s &amp; 5s M

- 1 Our Father in heaven,  
 We hallow thy name !  
 May thy kingdom holy  
 On earth be the same !  
 O give to us daily  
 Our portion of bread,  
 It is from thy bounty  
 That all must be fed.
- 2 Forgive our transgressions,  
 And teach us to know  
 That humble compassion  
 That pardons each foe :  
 Keep us from temptation,  
 From weakness and sin,  
 And thine be the glory,  
 Forever—Amen.

78. I WOULD NOT LIVE ALWAY. 11s M.

- 1 I would not live alway ; I ask not to stay  
Where storm after storm rises dark o'er the way ;  
I would not live alway ; no, welcome the tomb,  
Since Jesus hath lain there, I dread not its gloom.
- 2 Who, who would live alway, away from his God,  
Away from yon heaven, that blissful abode,  
Where the rivers of pleasure flow over bright plains,  
And the noontide of glory eternally reigns :
- 3 Where the saints of all ages in harmony meet,  
Their Savior and Brother transported to greet ;  
While the anthems of rapture increasingly roll,  
And the smile of the Lord is the life of the soul.

79. SUNDAY MORNING. 8s & 7s M.

- 1 Welcome, welcome, quiet morning,  
Welcome is this holy day :  
Now the Sabbath morn returning,  
Says a week has passed away.
- 2 Let me think how time is passing :  
Soon the longest life departs !  
Nothing human is abiding,  
Save the love of humble hearts.
- 3 Father, now one prayer I raise thee ;  
Give an humble, grateful heart ;  
Never let me cease to praise thee,—  
Never from thy fear depart.
- 4 Then when years are gathered o'er me,  
And the world is sunk in shade,  
Heaven's bright realm will rise before me ;  
There my treasure will be laid.

80. SUNDAY EVENING. L. M.

- 1 There is a time when moments flow  
More happily than all beside ;  
It is, of all the times below,  
A Sabbath at the eventide.

- 2 O ! then the setting sun shines fair,  
And all below, and all above,  
The various forms of nature wear  
One universal garb of love.
- 3 And then the light that Jesus beams,  
The life of grace, the death of sin,  
With nature's placid woods and streams,  
Is peace without, and joy within.
- 4 Delightful scene ! a world at rest,  
A God all love, no grief, no fear,  
A heavenly hope, a peaceful breast,  
A smile unsullied by a tear.
- 5 But there will be at last a day,—  
A sun that never sets shall rise ;  
Night shall not veil the ceaseless ray !—  
The heavenly Sabbath never dies !

## 81.

## THANKFULNESS.

7s M. 6L

- 1 God of glory ! God of love !  
Lord of all the worlds above !  
Thee we bless for daily food,  
Thee we bless for every good  
Thee we sing with loud acclaim,  
Praising thy all-glorious name.
- 2 More than all, we praise thee, Lord,  
For the blessings of thy word,  
For the tidings Jesus brought,  
For the precepts Jesus taught :  
Thee we sing with loud acclaim,  
Praising thy all-glorious name.
- 3 Gracious Father ! Heavenly King !  
Feeble lips presume to sing ;  
Infant voices humbly raise  
Grateful, fervent songs of praise :  
Thee we sing with loud acclaim,  
Praising thy all-glorious name.



82.

THE BETTER LAND.

P. M.

- 1 C. "I hear thee speak of that better land,  
Thou cal'st its children a happy band:  
Teacher, O where is that radiant shore?  
Shall we not seek it and weep no more?  
Is it where the flower of the orange blows,  
And the fire-flies glance through the myrtle boughs?"
- T. "Not there, my child, not there, my child!"
- 2 C. "Is it far away in some region old,  
Where the rivers wander o'er the sands of gold?  
Where the burning rays of the ruby shine,  
And the diamond lights up the secret mine,  
And the pearl gleams forth from the coral strand;  
Is it there, dear teacher,—that better land?"
- T. "Not there, my child, not there, my child!"
- 3 T. "Eye hath not seen it, my gentle child,  
Ear hath not heard its sweet songs so mild;  
Dreams cannot picture a world so fair;  
Sorrow and death may not enter there;  
Time doth not breathe on its fadeless bloom;  
Far beyond the clouds, and beyond the tomb,  
It is there, it is there, my child!"

83.

GOD IS LOVE.

8s & 7s M.

- 1 Teach us, heavenly Father, teach us  
That thou art a God of love;  
Let this truth, O let it reach us,  
Let it reach us from above.
- 2 Every twinkling star declares it;  
Every fresh and fragrant flower;  
Every hill around us wears it;  
We feel it every prayerful hour.
- 3 The winter storm and summer shower,  
Sunset sky and morning breeze,  
The sunny lawn and shady bower,—  
Lord, thy love we see in these.

## 84. A SABBATH INVOCATION. L. M.

- 1 We leave our tasks, we leave our play,  
 To think of thee, O God, to-day ;  
 O teach our hearts and tongues to raise  
 The prayer of faith, the song of praise.
- 2 Let not an earthly thought annoy  
 The pleasure of this sweet employ ;  
 May selfish passions all be still,  
 While we inquire to know thy will.

## 85. INVITATION TO THE SUNDAY SCHOOL. P. M.

[TUNE—*The Merry Swiss Boy.*]

- 1 Come with me, come with me, to the loved Sunday School,  
 To the place where we worship and pray ;  
 Take your books, take your books, and quickly hie away  
 To the school with our teachers to-day ;  
     'Tis there we learn to praise the Lord,  
     With joyful hearts his songs record :  
 Come with me, come with me, to the loved Sunday School,  
 To the place where we worship and pray.
- 2 Kneel with me, kneel with me, in the loved Sunday School,  
 Kneel and worship our Father to-day ;  
 Bring your hearts, bring your hearts, and hither come to  
 God ;  
 He will hear when we worship and pray :  
     He'll meet us here and hear our prayer,  
     And we his choicest blessings share :  
 Come with me, &c.
- 3 Idle boys, idle boys hate our loved Sunday School,  
 And they wander in mischief and play ;  
 "Come to me, come to me," saith our dear Savior's voice,  
 Why wander in mischief away ?  
     O, who'll refuse to join our song,  
     And notes of joyous praise prolong ?  
 Come with me, &c.

86

THE WANT WITHIN.

6s M.

- 1 I feel within a want,  
Forever burning there;  
What I so thirst for grant,  
O thou who hearest prayer.
- 2 This is the thing I crave,  
A likeness to thy Son,  
This would I rather have  
Than call the world my own.
- 3 Like him, now in my youth,  
I long, O God, to be,  
In humbleness and truth,  
In love and piety.
- 4 'Tis my most fervent prayer,  
Be it more fervent still,  
Be it my highest care,  
Be it my settled will!

87.

LEAVING SCHOOL FOR CHURCH. 7s M

- 1 To thy temple I repair;  
Lord, I love to worship there;  
Abba! Father! give me grace  
In thy courts to seek thy face.
- 2 While thy glorious praise is sung,  
Touch my lips, unloose my tongue;  
While the prayers of saints ascend,  
God of love, to mine attend.
- 3 While thy ministers proclaim  
Peace and pardon in thy name,  
While I hearken to thy law,  
Fill my soul with humble awe.
- 4 From thy house when I return,  
May my heart within me burn;  
And at evening let me say,  
"I have walked with God to-day."

88.

## DISMISSION.

8s &amp; 7s M.

- 1 Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing,  
Hope and comfort from above ;  
Let us each, thy peace possessing,  
Triumph in redeeming love.
- 2 Thanks we give, and adoration,  
For thy Gospel's joyful sound ;  
May the fruits of thy salvation  
In our hearts and lives abound.
- 3 Make us gentle, kind, and lowly,  
Teach us, Father, from thy word,  
How we may be good and holy,  
Like to Jesus Christ our Lord.

89.

## PARTING HYMN.

L. M

- 1 Guide of our youth, to thee we pray :  
Help us to tread thy holy way ;  
And O, may all our life be passed  
As we shall wish it had, at last.
- 2 Smile, Lord, on those whose toil and care  
Are spent for our instruction here ;  
And let our conduct ever prove  
Our gratitude for all their love.
- 3 Through life may we perform thy will,  
Our various duties all fulfil,  
Then join the friends we here have known,  
In nobler songs around thy throne.

90.

## INSTRUCTION.

C. P. M

- 1 *T. & C.* Now let our hearts unite to raise  
A cheerful anthem to thy praise,  
Who reigns enthroned above ;  
Let music, sweet as incense, rise  
In grateful odor to the skies,  
A chant of joy and love.
- 2 *C.* Teach us before Jehovah's face  
To come, with hearts renewed by grace,  
Nor slight his providence ;

When lost in ignorance we lay,  
To vice and sin an easy prey,  
His mercy snatched us thence.

- 3 *T. & C.* O what a numerous race we see,  
In ignorance and misery,  
Unprincipled, untaught;  
Shall they continue still to lie  
In ignorance and misery?  
We cannot bear the thought.
- 4 *C.* Give, Lord, each humble soul to prove  
The joys of thine exhaustless love;  
And while thy praise we sing,  
May we the sacred Scriptures know,  
And like the blessed Jesus grow,  
That earth and heaven may sing.
- 5 *T.* We feel a sympathizing heart,  
Lord, 'tis a pleasure to impart—  
To thee thine own we give;  
Hear thou our cry, and pitying see;  
O let these children live to thee,  
O let these children live.

91. GOING TO SUNDAY SCHOOL. P. M.

[TUNE—*O say, busy Bee.*]

- 1 *T.* O say, pretty child, whither now art thou going,  
Whither now art thou going, to school or to play?
- C.* I am bound to the school-room, where teachers are  
waiting,  
I must be reciting my lesson to-day;  
My lesson—my lesson—  
I must be reciting my lesson to-day.
- 2 *T.* O say, lovely child, for what art thou going,  
For what art thou going to the school-room to-day?
- C.* To hear of our Savior, and learn of his gospel,  
To worship our Father, to praise and to pray.
- All.* To praise him—to praise him—  
We will learn of our Savior, and praise him to-day.

- 3 *All.* So we, all so happy, while daily advancing  
 In wisdom and knowledge, in virtue and love,  
 Will sing on our way, in our progress rejoicing,  
 Till we all meet our Father in heaven above :  
     Our Father !—our Father !  
 Till we all meet our Father, to praise him above.

92.            PRAISE FOR THE GOSPEL.            L. M.

- 1 *T.* Our blessed Savior, when on earth,  
     Regarded those of humble birth ;—  
*C.* Jesus, all-hallowed be thy name,  
     By thee our great salvation came.  
*T.* E'en little children he received,  
     Consoled in mercy all who grieved :  
*C.* Oh ! let us praise our gracious Lord,  
     And all his wondrous love record !  
*All.* Yes, we'll praise our gracious Lord,  
     And all his wondrous acts record.  
2 *T.* And now in heaven he still appears,  
     The guardian of our youthful years ;  
*C.* We still will love and trust his grace,  
     Whose goodness shines in every place :  
*T.* And when the hour of death is come,  
*C.* He'll take us to his heavenly home ;  
*T.* And there we'll join in nobler strains,  
*C.* To praise our God, who ever reigns.  
*All.* Yes, there to God, who ever reigns,  
     We'll praise his name in endless strains.

93.            SEEKING DIVINE WISDOM.            L. M.

- 1 *T.* In life's gay morn, when all is fair,  
     And youthful hearts are seeking joy ;  
     How shall we best for time prepare—  
     What highest theme our thoughts employ ?

- 2 C. Not in the gay pursuits of sin—  
Not in the rounds of fleeting bliss :  
But we with wisdom would begin,  
And glory in a choice like this.
- 3 T. What is the wisdom you would seek ?—  
Mere knowledge of the world below ?  
Or that of which the Scriptures speak,—  
Of heaven, that world to which we go ?
- 4 C. It is the wisdom from above  
Which we would seek, obtain, and prize,  
Which teaches us the rule of love—  
That love of God which never dies.
- 5 *All.* Father, divine ! inspire our hearts  
With thy celestial truth and grace ;  
Give us that joy thy love imparts  
To angels who behold thy face !

94.

PRAISE TO GOD.

7s M.

- 1 T. Children, why are praises given  
To our Father, God, above ?  
C. Teacher, he who reigns in heaven,  
Made us—saves us by his love.  
T. Children, do you not desire  
Greater joy than praising brings ?  
C. Teacher, no, our hearts aspire  
To adore the King of kings !  
**CHORUS.** Teacher, no, our hearts aspire  
To adore the King of kings !
- 2 T. Children, do you wish to know  
All his truth, and learn his ways ?  
C. Teacher, yes, our feet would go  
To the temple of his praise.  
T. Children, when our praise below  
Ceases, shall it rise again ?  
C. Teacher, yes, to heaven we go—  
There in God's own love to reign !  
**CHORUS.** Teacher, yes, to heaven we go—  
There in God's own love to reign !

## 95. HEAVEN IS MY HOME. 8s &amp; 4s M

- 1 Now with youth's happy spirits  
Gaily I roam;  
But here I dwell not always,  
Heaven is my home.
- 2 There are eternal fountains  
Flowing above,  
And voices ever singing,  
"Our God is love."
- 3 Bright gleams the holy city,  
With golden gate;  
There all who died before us,  
Our coming wait.
- 4 There when my Father's message  
Doth bid me come,  
May I not fear the summons  
To heaven my home.

## 96. PRAISE TO GOD. H. M

- 1 To thee, our Heavenly King,  
We infant voices raise,  
Of thy kind mercies sing,  
In humble strains of praise;  
Thy love adore; | We now aspire  
Thy works admire; | To praise thee more.
- 2 To Him who notes the time  
When little sparrows fall,  
Who rules in every clime,  
Who guides and governs all.  
Our youthful days | And loud proclaim  
Shall praise his name, | His matchless grace.
- 3 Through cares and trials deep,  
Assist us with thy grace,  
Our erring footsteps keep  
In wisdom's paths of peace;  
And when our days | In heaven, at last,  
On earth are past, | Accept our praise.



## CLOSE OF THE YEAR.

7s M.

- 1 Time by moments steals away,  
First the hour, and then the day;  
Small the daily loss appears,  
But it soon amounts to years.
- 2 If we see another year,  
May thy blessing meet us here;  
Sun of righteousness, arise,  
Warm our hearts and bless our eyes.

## COMMENCEMENT OF THE YEAR. 7s M.

- 1 While, with ceaseless course, the sun  
Hasted through the former year,  
Many souls their race have run,  
Never more to meet us here!  
Fixed in an eternal state,  
They have done with all below;  
We a little longer wait,  
But how little none can know.
- 2 As the winged arrow flies,  
Speedily the mark to find;  
As the lightning from the skies  
Darts, and leaves no trace behind;  
Swiftly thus our fleeting days  
Bear us down life's rapid stream;  
Upward, Lord, our spirits raise;  
All below is but a dream.
- 3 Thanks for mercies past receive,  
Pardon of our sins renew;  
Teach us henceforth how to live,  
With eternity in view.  
Bless thy word to young and old;  
Fill us with a Savior's love;  
And, when life's short tale is told,  
Take us to thyself above.

## 99. THE GENTLE SHEPHERD. C. M.

- 1 See Israeli's gentle Shepherd stand  
With all-engaging charms;  
Hark, how he calls the tender lambs,  
And folds them in his arms.
- 2 Permit them to approach, he cries,  
Nor scorn their humble name;  
For 'twas to bless such souls as these  
The Lord of angels came.
- 3 Ye little flock, with pleasure hear;  
Ye children, seek his face;  
And fly with transport to receive  
The blessings of his grace.

## 100. MISSIONARY HYMN. 7s &amp; 6s M.

- 1 From Greenland's icy mountains,  
From India's coral strand,  
Where Afric's sunny fountains  
Roll down their golden sands  
From many an ancient river,  
From many a palmy plain,  
They call us to deliver  
Their land from error's chain.
- 2 What though the spicy breezes  
Blow soft o'er Ceylon's isle;  
Though every prospect pleases,  
And only man is vile;  
In vain with lavish kindness  
The gifts of God are strown;  
The heathen, in his blindness,  
Bows down to wood and stone.
- 3 Shall we, whose souls are lighted  
By wisdom from on high—  
Shall we to men benighted  
The lamp of life deny?  
Salvation! Oh Salvation!  
The joyful sound proclaim,  
Till earth's remotest nation  
Has learned Messiah's name.

101. GOD THE CREATOR. C. M.

- 1 I sing the mighty power of God,  
That made the mountains rise;  
That spread the flowing seas abroad.  
And built the lofty skies.
- 2 I sing the wisdom that ordained  
The sun to rule the day;  
The moon shines full at his command,  
And all the stars obey.
- 3 I sing the goodness of the Lord,  
That filled the earth with food:  
He formed the creatures by his word,  
And then pronounced them good.
- 4 There's not a plant or flower below,  
But makes thy glories known;  
And clouds arise, and tempests blow,  
By order from thy throne.

102. EXAMPLE OF CHRIST. 8s & 7s M.

- 1 Jesus Christ, my Lord and Savior,  
Once became a child like me;  
O that in my whole behavior  
He my pattern still may be.
- 2 If my feelings are not holy,  
Pride and passion dwell within;  
But the Lord was meek and lowly,  
And was never known to sin.
- 3 While I'm often vainly trying  
Some new pleasure to possess,—  
He was always self-denying,  
Patient in his worst distress.
- 4 Lord, assist a feeble creature,  
Guide me by thy word of truth;  
Condescend to be my teacher  
Through my childhood and my youth.

## 103. PRAISE FROM ALL NATIONS. C. M.

- 1 O all ye nations, praise the Lord,  
Each with a different tongue ;  
In every language learn his word,  
And let his name be sung.
- 2 His mercy reigns through every land ;  
Proclaim his name abroad ;  
Forever firm his truth shall stand ;  
Praise ye the faithful God.

## 104. PRAISE GOD AT ALL TIMES. S. M.

- 1 Thy name, Almighty Lord,  
Shall sound through distant lands ;  
Great is thy grace, and sure thy word !  
Thy truth forever stands.
- 2 Far be thine honor spread,  
And long thy praise endure,  
Till morning light and evening shade  
Shall be exchanged no more.

## 105. LET ALL THINGS PRAISE GOD. L. M.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow !  
Praise him, all creatures here below !  
Praise him, above, ye heavenly throng !  
Praise God our Father, in your song !

## 106. DOXOLOGY. L. M.

- 1 From all that dwell below the skies,  
Let the Creator's praise arise ;  
Let the Redeemer's name be sung  
Through every land, by every tongue.
- 2 Eternal are thy mercies, Lord ;  
Eternal truth attends thy word :  
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore,  
Till sun shall rise and set no more.

## SPECIAL SERVICES.

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### SERVICE I.

#### *On the Sickness of a Teacher or Scholar.*

S. In my distress I cried unto the Lord, and he heard me.

T. I will lift up mine eyes unto God, from whom cometh my strength.

C. My help cometh from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

S. The Lord is thy keeper, he shall neither slumber nor sleep.

T. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil; he shall preserve thy soul.

C. It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not.

S. They are new every morning: great is his faithfulness.

C. The Lord is my portion; therefore will I hope in him.

T. The Lord is good unto them that wait for him: to the soul that seeketh him.

S. It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord.

T. It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth.

C. For the Lord will not cast off forever.

S. Though he cause grief, yet will he have compassion according to the multitude of his mercies.

T. He doth not afflict willingly nor grieve the children of men.

C. We have had fathers of our flesh, who corrected us, and we gave them reverence.

T. Shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits and live?

C. I will praise thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

S. Deliver me, O Lord, out of all trouble.

All. Teach me to do thy will; for thou art my God: thy spirit is good: lead me in the land of uprightness. In thee do I trust. Preserve me in the land of the living.

### PRAYER.

O thou who hearest prayer, and deliverest out of trouble; we are come before thee to call upon thy name for help in our affliction, and to seek thy blessing in our necessities. Against the perfect order of thy government have we sinned, and thy laws, which operate continually throughout all generations, have we transgressed. But with thee, O God, is there forgiveness, that thou shouldst be feared. In thine inscrutable providence, which our minds cannot now fully comprehend, thou hast seen fit to afflict one of *our number*, who now lies languishing on a bed

of sickness. We devoutly pray, great God, for thy special favor to rest upon that one ; that, with a spirit subdued to thy holy will, he [she] may repose all confidence in thy mercy, which is sufficient for him, [her,] and patiently wait the issue of his [her] sickness. O may the faith of him who took our infirmities and bore our sicknesses, impart all its comfort to thy servant in affliction, that, living or dying, his [her] whole trust may be in thee, as the Savior of the world. May the lessons of submission and hope taught in this school now impart to the afflicted mind those joys and consolations which sweeten the cup of sorrow, and induce reconciliation to thy holy pleasure.

Bless, holy Father, the means employed to recover the sick and comfort the afflicted, that, if it is thy will, our number may remain entire, and he [she] who is now absent from us be speedily restored to enjoy with us the instructions of this school, to mingle in the joys of loving friends, and be useful and happy on earth. But, O Lord, we would not direct thee ; but learn to submit wholly to thy perfect will. Give graciously unto the sick, unto us, and unto all men thy loving kindness, which is better than life ; a meek and quiet spirit ; a firm faith ; a bright hope ; and the joys of true religion, which are unspeakable and full of glory. May we all serve thee in life, trust in thee in sickness and in death, and praise thee throughout eternity, *with every creature in heaven, on earth, under*

the earth, in the sea, and all that in them are ; giving all glory unto thy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*All.* Our Father who art in heaven, &c.

SCRIPTURE LESSON. *Comfort in Sickness.*

Blessed is he that considereth the poor ; the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble. The Lord will preserve him and keep him alive ; and he shall be blessed upon the earth. The Lord will strengthen him upon the bed of languishing ; thou wilt make all his bed in sickness.

Sing, O heavens, and be joyful, O earth ; and break forth into singing, O mountains ; for the Lord hath comforted his people, and will have mercy upon his afflicted. I will mention the loving kindnesses of the Lord, and the praise of the Lord, according to all that he hath bestowed on us, and the great goodness of God toward the house of Israel, which he hath bestowed on them according to his mercies, and according to the multitude of his loving kindnesses. In all their afflictions he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them : in his love and in his pity he redeemed them, and he bare them, and carried them all the days of old.

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.



## 1. SEEKING COMFORT FROM GOD. C. M.

- 1 Affliction's troubled waves roll on  
And reach unto my soul;  
My sun turns pale, my hope grows dim,  
And darkness shrouds the whole.
- 2 Dear Savior, come and speak to me,  
What thou in mercy said  
When furious billows dashed around,—  
" 'Tis I; be not afraid."
- 3 So bid the blessed Comforter  
Make his abode with me,  
And rescue from an early grave  
A soul that trusts in thee.
- 4 O spare, kind Lord, my days on earth,  
Till my full time is come;  
Then lead me from this vale of tears  
To thy immortal home.

## 2. PROSPECT OF HEAVEN. C. M.

- 1 There is a land of pure delight,  
Where saints immortal reign;  
Infinite day excludes the night,  
And pleasures banish pain.
- 2 There everlasting spring abides,  
And never-with'ring flowers;  
Death, like a narrow sea, divides  
This heavenly land from ours.
- 3 Sweet fields beyond the swelling flood  
Stand dressed in living green;  
So to the Jews old Canaan stood,  
While Jordan rolled between.
- 4 Could we but climb where Moses stood,  
And view the landscape o'er,  
Not Jordan's stream nor death's cold flood  
Should fright us from the shore.

## 3.            GOD' OUR PRESERVER.

H. M.

- 1 Upward I lift mine eyes,  
From God is all my aid ;  
The God that built the skies,  
And earth and nature made.  
God is the tower  
To which I fly ; his grace is nigh  
In every hour.
- 2 My feet shall never slide,  
And fall in fatal snares,  
Since God, my guard and guide,  
Defends me from my fears.  
Those wakeful eyes,  
Which never sleep, his children keep  
When dangers rise.
- 3 No burning heats by day,  
Nor blasts of evening air,  
Shall take my health away,  
If God be with me there.  
Thou art my sun,  
And thou my shade, to guard my head  
By night or noon.
- 4 Hast thou not given thy word  
To save my soul from death ?  
And I can trust my Lord  
To keep my mortal breath :  
I'll go and come,  
Nor fear to die, till from on high  
Thou call me home.

## SERVICE II.

*On the Death of a Teacher or Scholar.*

S. Let my supplication come before thee, O Lord.

C. Let my cry come near before thee.

T. Consider mine affliction, and deliver me.

S. Righteous art thou, O Lord, and upright are thy judgments.

C. Trouble and anguish have taken hold on me; yet thy commandments are my delight.

T. Plead my cause, and deliver me; quicken me according to thy word.

S. Affliction cometh not forth of the dust, neither doth trouble spring out of the ground.

T. Yet man is born unto trouble, as the sparks fly upward.

C. I would seek unto God, and unto God would I commit my cause.

S. Man who is born of a woman, is of few days and full of trouble.

T. He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down; he fleeth also as a shadow, and is not.

C. My days on the earth are as a shadow, and there is none abiding.

S. Man dieth, and wasteth away; yea, man giveth up the spirit, and where is he?

C. If a man die, shall he live again?

S. As in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

*T.* We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump.

*S.* For the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible.

*T.* This corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

*S.* Death is swallowed up in victory.

*T.* O death, where is thy sting?

*C.* O grave, where is thy victory?

*All.* Thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

#### PRAYER.

Unto thee, O God, who hearest the cry of helplessness, do we come, to pour out the sorrows of our hearts, and implore the consolations of thy grace, in our time of trouble. Hearken, O Lord, to the voice of our supplications, and let thy mercy come upon us. Our hearts were warmly attached to our friend and companion whom thou hast seen fit to remove from us by death. We shall never more look upon the living countenance of our loved friend. The grave enfolds all that remains on earth of one so dear to our affections: but the spirit, pure and disenthralled, we trust thou hast recalled to thyself, to the full fruition of joys immortal and divine. With this faith, holy Father, we will not sorrow *as those who have no hope*; but we will devoutly thank thee for the gift of thy well-beloved

Son, our Savior, who tasted death for every man; gave himself a ransom for all to be testified in due time; and became a propitiation for the sins of the whole world; that he might destroy death and him that had the power of death, and be for salvation to the ends of the earth. We thank thee for his life, teachings, promises, and resurrection from death; and for the assurance given us that as he lives, we shall live also.

Sanctify, O God, this dispensation to the good of this school, and especially to the bereaved friends of the departed. May we always remember that life is short, and its duties great; and, by thine aid, may we all fulfil with faithfulness thy requirements, that when our earthly career shall terminate, we may have the joyous satisfaction of realizing that we have not lived in vain; but have wisely improved the time of our sojourning here; and that, by a spirit subdued to thy holy will, we shall, in thine own time, enter upon the pure and perfect joys of eternity.

Remember all mankind, holy Father, and in much mercy bless them according to their varied wants. Forgive all our sins; and, in thy own time, take us to thyself, to enjoy the blessings of immortality, and to praise thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord, in a world without end. Amen.

*All.* Our Father who art in heaven, &c.

#### SCRIPTURE LESSON.

I delivered unto you first of all that which I *also* received, how that Christ died for our sins,

according to the Scriptures; and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day, according to the Scriptures. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. And they who shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are they given in marriage: neither can they die any more: for they are equal unto the angels; and are the children of God, being the children of the resurrection. We know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

## 4.

## SHE HAS GONE.

L. M.

- 1 Like a fresh rose some hand has torn,  
When opening to the morning sky;  
Such was the fate of her we mourn,  
One who was early called to die.
- 2 Though beauty from the rose depart  
The air its fragrance still retains,  
And cherished long within the heart  
The memory of the loved remains.
- 3 She smiled on Death, who softly came  
To seal her eyes in gentle sleep,  
And take her from disease and pain:  
For her we need no longer weep.

- 4 Sweet peace is on her placid brow,  
Her voice to songs of praise is given,  
Her home is with the angels now,  
Our dear young sister is in heaven.

5.

ALL ARE NOT HERE.

C. M.

- 1 All are not here! on either hand  
Our anxious glances stray;  
But from among our youthful band  
One form has passed away.
- 2 It seems but yesterday since here—  
So gentle and so good—  
Smiling upon his class-mates dear,  
In blooming health he stood.
- 3 How swift the unseen angel flies  
To call our fleeting breath:  
The closed lid hides his happy eyes,  
His voice is still in death.
- 4 Our youthful hearts are full of pain,  
Our eyes with tears are dim;  
He cannot visit us again,  
But we shall go to him.

6.

"ALL LIVE UNTO HIM."

7s M.

- 1 C. Teacher, know'st our friend is dead?  
—Far from us his [her] soul has fled!
- T. Children, yes, for God has called:  
Now the spirit's disenthralled.
- C. Dust unto the dust is given:—  
Has the spirit sped to heaven?
- T. Children, yes, 'twas God who gave,  
In his mercy he will save.
- All. Then we'll bless his holy name,  
Trust his grace, his love proclaim.

- 2 T. Children, know you all must die ?  
—That the Conqueror may be nigh ?
- C. Teacher, yes, but God will save,  
Conquer death, destroy the grave.
- T. Endless life, through Christ, he'll give ;  
You, and I, and all shall live !
- C. Then we'll praise him here below,  
Trusting him where'er we go ;
- All. He from death all men shall raise,  
All shall give him ceaseless praise !

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### SERVICE III.

#### *For Celebrations.*

S. Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men.

T. & C. I will praise the Lord with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and in the congregation.

S. The works of the Lord are great, sought out of all them who have pleasure therein.

T. His work is honorable and glorious : and his righteousness endureth forever.

C. He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered : the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

S. Blessed be the Lord, that hath given rest unto his people, according to all that he promised.



T. There hath not failed one word of all his good promise.

C. The Lord our God be with us, as he was with our fathers : let him not leave us, nor forsake us.

T. That he may incline our hearts unto him, to walk in all his ways :

S. And to keep his commandments, and his statutes, and his judgments, which he commanded our fathers.

C. That all the people of the earth may know that the Lord is God, and that there is none else.

S. Let your heart, therefore, be perfect with the Lord your God, to walk in his statutes, and to keep his commandments, as at this day.

C. Through God we shall do valiantly. We will trust in him at all times.

All. Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men.

#### PRAYER.

Almighty and most merciful God ; we appear before thee to praise thee in the congregation of thy people, and to worship thee in the midst of thy saints. Grant us the influence of thy Holy Spirit, that we may serve thee acceptably, and in a manner befitting the occasion on which we are assembled. May all our thoughts and wishes be *consecrated* to thee ; and may we receive of thee

that aid which is necessary to render our vices interesting and profitable. May all we shall do make good impressions upon minds of our friends who are present to wit our juvenile performances, and also upon own ; that they and we may renew our determinations to live to thine honor and glory in earth, and spend our time and strength in tending the knowledge of thy truth and salvation among our fellow-men, and in gaining a thorough acquaintance of its principles ourselves.

We thank thee, holy Father, for thy abundant favors which have surrounded us all our days. Thou hast shown us peculiar blessings, for which we will ever be grateful, in permitting us to enjoy the instructions of the Sunday School. ] We wisely improve every occasion to know and Jesus Christ, whom to know is life eternal.

Remember, O God, in great kindness, our parents, relations, and friends ; and all the patrons and friends of this and all Sunday Schools. Kindly bless the superintendents, teachers, pupils, in their respective capacities ; and each and all faithful in the discharge of their duties. Bless, O Lord, all the means of instruction throughout the world. May many run to thee from the ends of the earth, and the people learn knowledge till all shall know thee from the least unto the greatest, all the ends of the earth remember thee, and return unto thee, and all nations whom thou hast made come and worship before thee.

May all our doings, O God, and all our

asures be tempered by moderation; and all our lives be consecrated unto thee, and the service of our own true interests as blended with the interests of mankind.

Bless, most merciful God, our beloved country, and preserve it from famine, pestilence, and war. May men in authority rule in righteousness, and in the fear of the Lord. May all our citizens be obedient to the laws of the land; and, by a patriotic adherence to the principles of free government, firmly maintain the institutions which our fathers sacredly entrusted to our charge, and hand them down to our posterity, as a guaranty of the future prosperity of our nation. Let no misrule, abuse of power, or lawless riot, ever stain the fair escutcheon of our country's honor: but may the light of her institutions, and the knowledge, virtue, and happiness of her citizens, be reflected upon those nations which now sit in darkness, and tremble under the rod of tyranny, ignorance, and oppression. Hasten the time, O God, which thou hast promised, when all nations shall see thy salvation, and serve and obey thee.

Forgive all our sins, we humbly beseech thee, and preserve us from all guilt when tempted to do wrong. Give us a well-grounded hope, and a firm faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, that we may serve thee acceptably all the days of our lives; and, after death, praise thee with the hosts of the redeemed, in heaven above, through *Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*All. Our Father who art in heaven, &c.*

## SCRIPTURE LESSON.

Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God which is in thee: For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord. Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus. Continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; and that from a child thou hast known the scriptures which are able to make you wise unto salvation, through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture, given by inspiration of God, is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

The Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come: and whosoever will, let him take of the water of life freely.

## 7. CHILDREN COMING TO GOD. C. M.

- 1 We come in childhood's innocence,  
We come, as children, free!  
We offer up, O God! our hearts  
In trusting love to thee.

- 2 Well may we bend in solemn joy,  
At thy bright courts above;  
Well may the grateful child rejoice  
In such a Father's love.
- 3 We come not as the mighty come;  
Not as the proud we bow;  
But as the pure in heart should bend,  
Seek we thine altars now.
- 4 "Forbid them not," the Savior said;—  
In speechless rapture dumb,  
We hear the call—we seek thy face—  
Father, we come—we come.

# 8. ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE. 7s & 6s M.

[TUNE—*Missionary Hymn.*]

- 1 We come, with joy and gladness,  
To breathe our songs of praise,  
Nor let one note of sadness  
Be mingled in our lays;  
For 'tis a hallowed story,  
This theme of freedom's birth:  
Our fathers' deeds of glory  
Are echoed round the earth.
- 2 The sound is waxing stronger,  
And thrones and nations hear—  
Proud men shall rule no longer,  
For God the Lord is near:  
And he will crush oppression,  
And raise the humble mind,  
And give the earth's possession  
Among the good and kind.
- 3 And then shall sink the mountains,  
Where pride and power are crowned,  
And peace, like gentle fountains,  
Shall shed its pureness round.

O God, we would adore thee,  
And in thy shadow rest;  
Our fathers bowed before thee,  
And trusted, and were blest.

9. GOD'S BLESSING INVOKED. 7s & 6s M

[TUNE—*Missionary Hymn.*]

- 1 God of the wide creation—  
Of air, and earth, and sea,  
Accept the young oblation  
We children bring to thee.  
We come, thy saints attending,  
And join our notes with theirs;  
At mercy's footstool bending,  
We lift our youthful prayers.
- 2 And will the Lord of glory,  
Who dwells beyond the sky,  
Hark to our humble story,  
And answer from on high?  
He will! for he has told us,  
In his eternal word,  
His eyes always behold us—  
His ears have ever heard.
- 3 Then bless, O God of heaven,  
Those to our hearts so dear,  
Let light and truth be given  
To all our teachers here.  
O! grant us thy good Spirit,  
Our wayward hearts to rule,  
That we may grace inherit  
Within our Sabbath School.

10. OUR COUNTRY. 6s & 4s M

- 1 My country! 'tis of thee,  
Sweet land of liberty—  
Of thee I sing:  
Land where my fathers died!  
Land of the pilgrim's pride!  
From every mountain-side  
Let freedom ring.

2 My native country! thee—  
 Land of the noble free—  
     Thy name I love;  
 I love thy rocks and rills,  
 Thy woods and templed hills,  
 My heart with rapture thrills,  
     Like that above.

3 Let music swell the breeze,  
 And ring from all the trees  
     Sweet freedom's song;  
 Let mortal tongues awake,  
 Let all that breathe partake,  
 Let rocks their silence break,  
     The sound prolong.

4 Our fathers' God! to thee—  
 Author of liberty!  
     To thee we sing;  
 Long may our land be bright  
 With freedom's holy light;  
 Protect us by thy might,  
     Great God, our King!

## 11.

## YOUTHFUL PIETY.

7s &amp; 6s M.

1 How beauteous in life's morning,  
     In days of guileless youth,  
 To witness, in its dawning,  
     The heavenly gleam of truth;  
 For then, bright sunny visions  
     Dance blithely o'er the heart,  
 Earth, in its wide dimensions,  
     No lovelier sight imparts.

2 With joy we greet the hour  
     Which bids us all to meet,  
 To own our Father's power,  
     And fall at Jesus' feet.  
 And e'en if sorrow's vesture  
     O'er our young spirits lies,  
 Our faith will pierce the shadow,  
     And point to cloudless skies.

- 3 O thou ! who art the giver  
 Of all we claim below,  
 Whose throne must stand forever,  
 When earth's proud realm lies low ;  
 O ! aid the Sabbath teacher,  
 And bless the Sabbath School ;  
 Till all shall reach that mansion,  
 Where endless love shall rule.

## 12. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF BLESSINGS. 6s & 4

- 1 Our Father ! 'tis to thee,  
 Supreme in majesty !  
 Creation's King !  
 Thy children now would raise  
 The notes of grateful praise,  
 And in our feeble lays  
 Thy goodness sing.
- 2 Thy kindness, ever near,  
 Has made us all thy care ;  
 And from above,  
 Rich blessings thou dost pour,  
 From an exhaustless store,  
 To cheer us more and more,  
 O God of love !
- 3 Our parents, teachers, friends,  
 O Lord ! thy favor lends,  
 Our lot to bless ;  
 Their kindness, day by day,  
 Will lead us in the way  
 From which we need not stray  
 For happiness.
- 4 But thanks, for more are due,  
 Thy glorious gospel, too,  
 To us is given ;  
 May we its precepts prize,  
 Perform all they advise  
 To make us good and wise,  
 And fit for heaven.



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